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Statement

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**Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, the Thai delegation would like to congratulate Mr. Chairperson on his election as the Chairperson of the Fifty-Second Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Thailand extends our full appreciation to you and the Bureau

undertaking the important mandates of the Commission.

Thailand reaffirms her commitments to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and the Millennium Development Goals. Let me assure you that the Thai Government has pursued both legislative and administrative efforts at both national and regional levels to ensure that such commitments are translated into actions.

Please allow me to highlight some of Thailand's initiatives in promoting gender equality and the advancement of women.

Thailand has taken many steps in **mainstreaming gender** from the grassroots to policy making levels. Since October 2002, the Thai Government has set up the Office of Women's Affairs and Family Development (OWAFD) under the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to act as the national machinery for the advancement of

on fisheries resources in the Mekong Sub-Region undertaken by the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives.

Mr. Chairnerson

Let me now turn to specific areas of endeavours. Thanks to the support of the