

# REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA



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**Chairperson,  
Your Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates.**

It is a pleasure to commend you for the manner in which you are conducting the affairs of

percent of their sector budgets to gender related activities. Already, this policy directive is being implemented in three sectors namely: land; education; and science and technology. In the education sector for example, Government has reserved 30 percent of bursaries for female students, over and above the general bursaries scheme which is provided to all vulnerable students. With the implementation of this affirmative action in the education sector, Zambia has almost achieved gender parity at primary level.

7. The Government has also initiated a process in women's representation in decision making positions

in Cabinet; the legislature; and the Judiciary. In the current Cabinet, there are six female Ministers out of 24. In addition, the offices of the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly; Auditor General; Investigator General; Clerk of the National Assembly; and Bank of Zambia Deputy Governor are occupied by women. The Private Sector and Faith-based Organisations are

**Chairperson,**

While Zambia has recorded progress, we continue to face challenges in meeting the internationally agreed goals including the Millennium Development Goals. In the health sector, Zambia's attainment of the Millennium Development Goal on Maternal Mortality may not be achieved due to the limited availability of qualified medical personnel in the public health sector, especially in rural areas. In order to address this particular constraint, government

