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Mr. Chairperson,
Excellencies and Distinguished delegates,
Colleagues and Friends

It is an honour to address the 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women. I
extend a warm welcome to the Ministers, Heads of National Machinery, and other high level

Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Under agenda item 3 (b) on Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men, the Commission will convene an expert panel (on Thursday 5 March from 3-6pm) to explore "*The gender perspectives of the international financial crisis*". An issues paper is available to guide discussions.

The Commission will also review progress in national level implementation of agreed

conclusions adopted at a previous session – the agreed conclusions on "*The equal participation of women and men in decision-making processes at all levels*", adopted at its 50th session in 2006. A report on progress (on Friday 6 March from 10am to 1pm) will be introduced by

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The General Assembly, in resolution A/RES/63/155, requested the Secretary-General to present an oral report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-third session with information provided by the United Nations bodies, funds and programmes and the specialized agencies on recent follow-up activities to implement resolutions 61/143 and 62/133, including on the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women, and

Member States will recall that updates on activities of the United Nations system have been provided to the Commission on the Status of Women at the last session, as well as to the General Assembly at its 63rd session. The update before you in a document entitled "Preventing and eliminating violence against women: United Nations system activities on violence against

[The Division, together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, organized

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Mr. Chairperson,

The Division for the Advancement of Women stands ready to support you, the Bureau and the Commission in the important work of this session.

Thank you.

