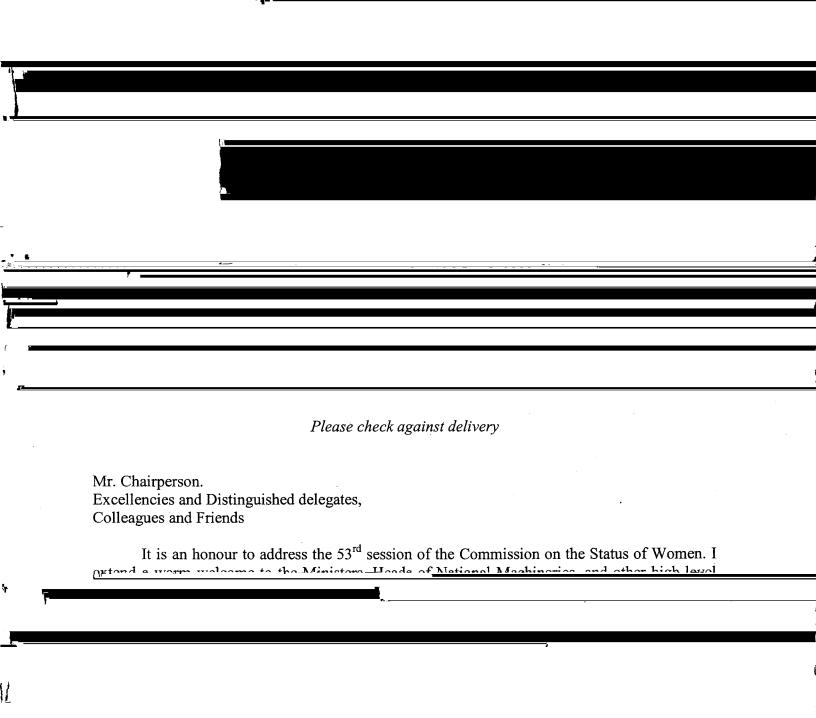
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Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

Under <u>agenda item 3 (b)</u> 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.

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 Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

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

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.