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Thirty years after the adoption of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, its implementation still leaves much to be desired. Women do not enjoy equal opportunities in all spheres of society and continue to be subject to persistent and grave violence in many parts of the world. What is needed, therefore, is not so much new commitments or lofty promises, as better delivery on ones already entered into.

The main theme of this session, “the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS” is certainly key. Addressing the Global HIV pandemic is essential to the achievement of the

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domestic responsibilities, as well as a more equal standing between men and women in the labour market.

To build on the progress achieved, the parliament passed a new gender equality legislation last year, including several provisions aimed at improving compliance. The law refers for the first time to gender-based violence and gender-based harassment is now a legal violation.

In addition, Iceland is taking concrete steps...