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Mr. President,

Allow me at the outset to congratulate you on your election as president of the commission and to congratulate the newly elected bureau members.

My delegation wishes to associate itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of Sudan on behalf of G77 and China.

My delegation also wishes to express its appreciation for the Secretary-General's reports presented to CSW, particularly:

The Report of the SG on The situation of and assistance to Palestinian women,
The Report of the SG on the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS,

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Mr. President

In my statement I will try to shed light on some aspects of the improvement in gender equality and the situation of women in Iraq, and the endeavors of the Iraqi government, for the last 5 years, to ensure women in Iraq are represented at all levels

Provincial Elections, women were given 25% of the seats even if they get fewer votes than men.

The role of women has recently become more empowered with the creation of the cross-party women's caucus, which is composed of 73 women parliamentarians. The creation of this caucus was a result of joint effort with the United Nations agencies to advance the development enactment of policies to help victims of violence including widows and orphans, war victims, families and Iraqi refugees.

The cross party women's caucus will enable Iraqi women parliamentarians to emerge as more efficient and influential actors in the legislature by bridging either/or

The Government of Iraq in partnership with UNIFEM is implementing

role of civil society organizations to mitigate violence and to contribute to build peace in Iraq.