





**Chairperson,**

Let me begin by congratulating you on your election as chairperson of this important Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Allow me also to convey my delegation's congratulations to your Bureau. We have confidence that under your able leadership the Commission will achieve the set objectives of this year's session. May I also add that my delegation and I are proud to be associated with the deliberations of this meeting and we assure you of our full support and participation. I align this statement to that made by the Representative of Sudan on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and the Representative of Cuba on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement

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It is my great pleasure to present on behalf of my Government, key features of Kenya's report on the thematic area being deliberated on during this session of the Commission

on the Status of Women. The detailed report is available at the secretariat

responsibility. It also recognizes the role women play in conservation and management of water. In order to mainstream gender issues in the water sector, the Strategy provides for 50% representation of women in the management structures of both rural and urban water services. The government has also drilled 500 boreholes in arid and semi arid areas and rehabilitated 1,434 boreholes in the same areas.

According to the economic blue print for Kenya, - "The Kenya Vision 2030", the government commits itself to encourage formation of water resources user groups.

mainstream gender in all aspects of society by making fundamental changes in four key areas, namely: opportunity; empowerment; capabilities; and vulnerabilities.

Kenya introduced the Free Primary Education programme in 2002. This has increased

primary school enrolment by 2.7% from 7.4 million in 2004 to 7.6 million in 2005. The Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) increased from 82.1% to 83.2% during the same period.

The government of Kenya continues to make concerted effort to include women in leadership and governance of education at national and grassroots level. In 2008 the

current Government appointed a woman Minister in charge of Higher Education, Science and Technology, one Chancellor and two Vice Chancellors to Public Universities. This

In order to increase male participation and equal sharing of responsibilities in the provision of health care services, the Vision 2030 has integrated behavioral change programs in schools.

Gender, Based Violence (GBV) ...