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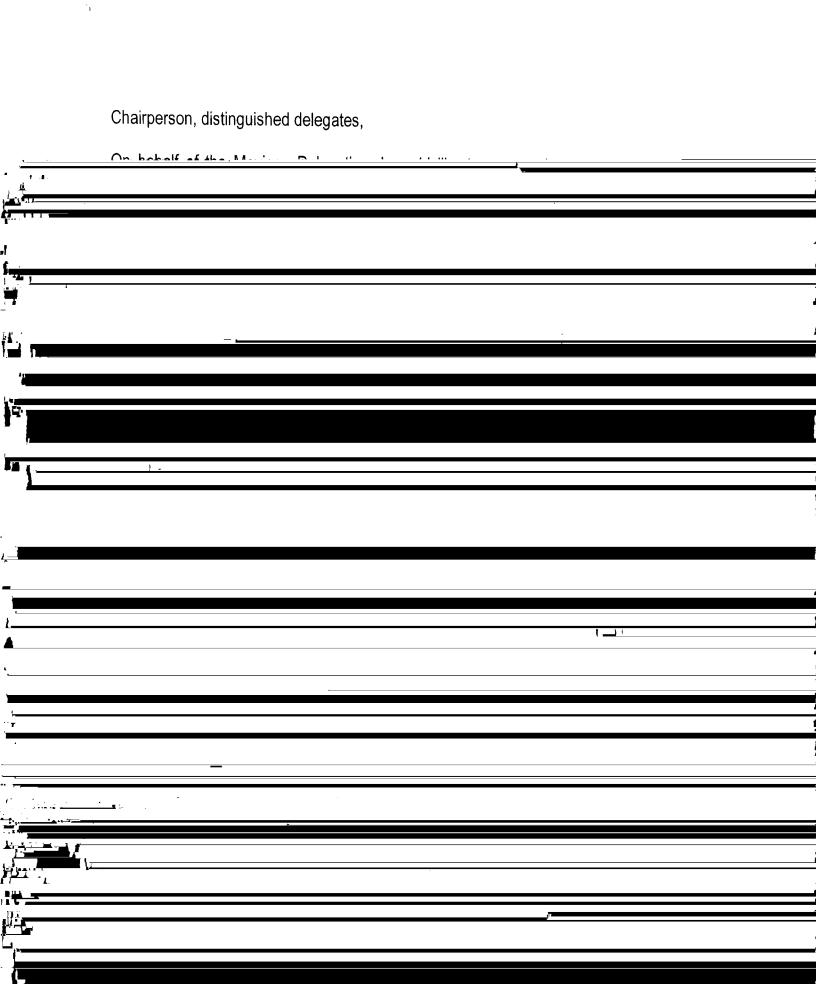


Statement by H.E. María del Rocío García Gaytán, President of the National Women's Institute of Mexico

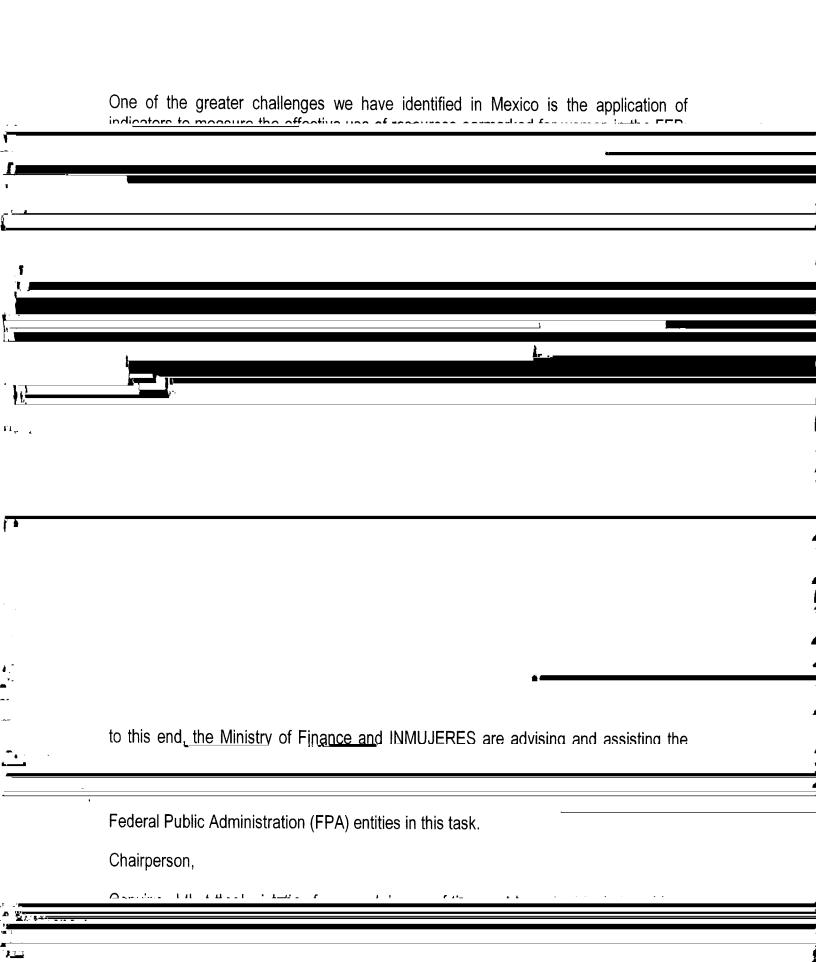
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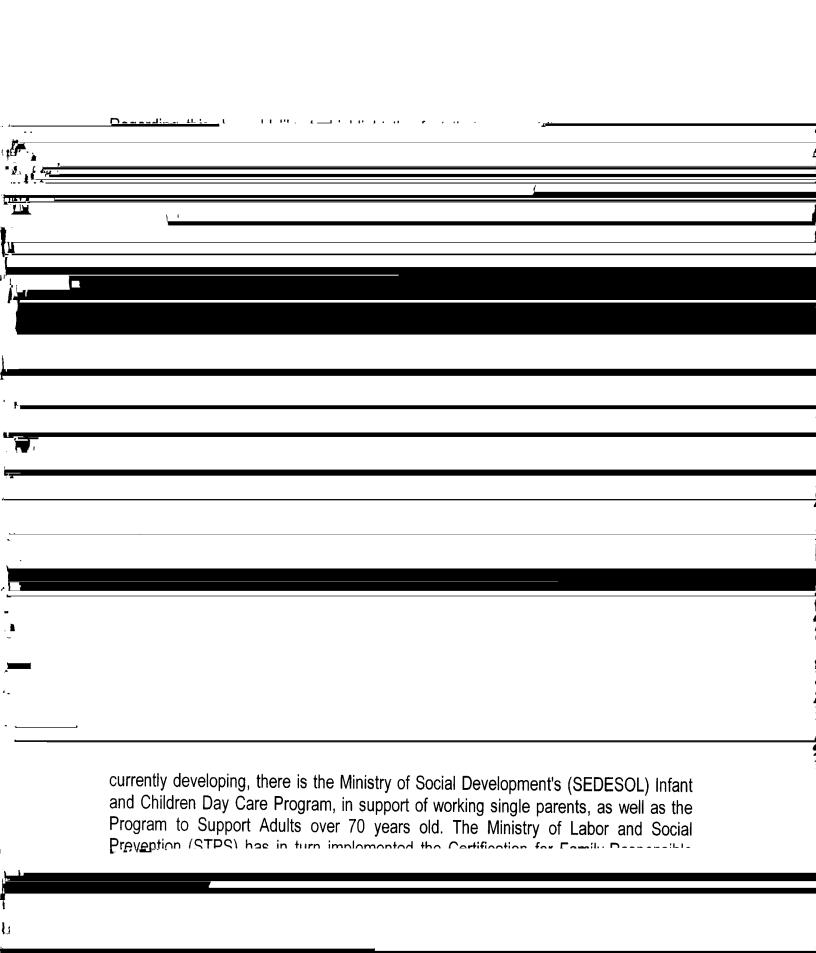
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We celebrate that, on this occasion, we approach the challenges of the Quito Consensus, adopted in 2007 during the Tenth Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Conference on Women, which constitutes our regional gender agenda and 1

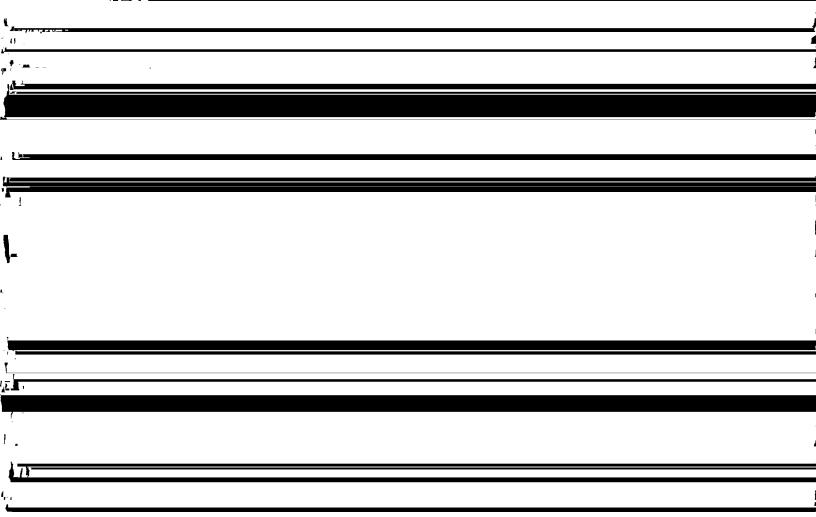


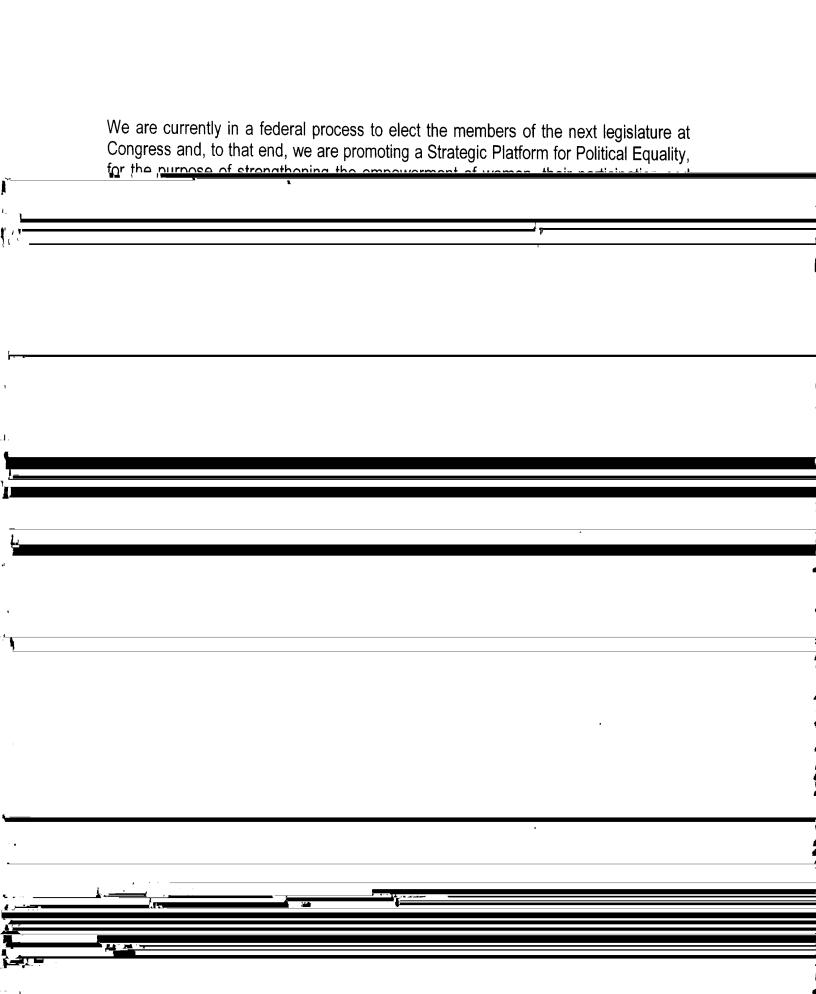


Chairperson,

In the consolidation process of democracy in Mexico, an equitable participation of women and men in all realms of the country's political, economic and social life is an indispensable factor. The General Law for Equality between Women and Men and the National Program for Equality between Women and Men (PROIGUALDAD) emphasize the importance of promoting the empowerment of women, their participation and representation in the decision-making processes, as well as the generation of the necessary conditions for women to make full use of their rights as citizens and to acquire autonomy.

We are still facing challenges in the consolidation of spaces that assure the permanence of women in the spaces for decision-making and political participation. In Mexico, women represent 39.6% of all middle and top level officials within the FPA;





In facing those challenges, we have advanced in the creation and transformation of institutionality and in the strengthening of the State's capabilities from the point of view of human rights. In 2008, a reform to the Penal Justice and Public Safety System was approved; a Special Prosecutor's Office for Violent Crime against Women and Trafficking (FEVIMTRA) was created and, through the Fund for Supporting Machanisms for the Advancement of Women is the Endersticals States for Control of the States for the States for Control of the States for Control of the States for the States for Control of the States for Co

