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STATEMENT

BY

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MINISTER OF GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILD
WELFARE OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

AT THE

**53RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN**

**THE EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND MEN
IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES**

Chairperson

I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Chairperson, and the members of the Bureau for your able leadership in steering this Commission and above all for our continued commitment to Gender Equality and the empowerment of women

My delegation looks forward to fruitful outcomes of this Session. I assure you of my delegations full cooperation and support during this session.

Chairperson

Namibia aligns itself with the statement made by my colleague the South African Minister Manto Tshabalala Msimang on behalf of SADC and the

Chairperson

This means that these girls have equal access to basic education and

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Chairperson

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Chairperson

Namibia also recognizes that increasing the sharing of domestic and care responsibilities between women and men is necessary, but not sufficient to address the growing challenges of care giving in society. There is a need for greater investment in Social Services through Private-Public Partnership. We also call on our Development Partners to support our initiatives in this sector.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that both male and female politicians in decision-making at all levels must aspire to meet the needs of men and women and boys and girls, equally.

I thank you