



PERMANENT MISSION OF  
THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

TO THE UNITED NATIONS



Let me first align myself with the statement presented by the Czech Republic on behalf of the European Union.

Mr Chairperson,

The discussion on the topic of this years' CSW comes at a very timely moment. Equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men is on top of the agenda of many women's organisations and it is intensely debated in The Netherlands.

The economic crisis underlines once again that stakeholders around the world need to invest in an equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men. When the economic position of families is under pressure, old patterns may turn out to be even harder to change and positive trends might

reverse. More work has to be done to ensure that the economic crisis does not lead to a regression in the

time available for family and household work. This is especially true for women who are often the ones who have to take on the additional burden of household work during the economic crisis.

feminisation of the HIV/AIDS pandemic as women are less able than men to exercise control over their own bodies and lives.

In addition, women are the ones who bear the heaviest burden in food production and care giving. The

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