



**General debate “ Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace
for the twenty-first century”**

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Mr. Chairman,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I wish to express my appreciation to you Mr. Chairman and other members of the Bureau for your commitment and efficiency in conducting the work of the 53rd session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Mr. Chairman,

While supporting the statement made by the Czech Presidency on behalf of the European Union I wish to add a few comments. At the beginning, however, I would like to emphasize that according to the position of the Polish Government any reference made to the issue of sexual and reproductive health and rights does not constitute an encouragement to promotion of abortion as a way of women empowerment and gender equality.

Mr. Chairman,

Please be assured of Poland's commitment to the full and swift realization of the agenda of this session. We are looking forward to working with you and other delegations to achieve our goals.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.