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Mr. Chairman

Saint Lucia is pleased to add her voice to those who went before us to acknowledge the importance of the theme of this 53rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The issue of HIV/AIDS is particularly relevant to us in the Caribbean region where this scourge is all too prevalent. Whilst Saint Lucia's effort has been focused more on preventing the spread of the epidemic, it is understandable that given our size and the close-knit nature of our families - the care of those affected has been and is a major concern within our communities.

For those of us whose relationship to the Commission is that of



