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Chairperson,

Excellence

On behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of Uganda, I wish to add my voice to those who have spoken before me to congratulate you, Chair and members of your bureau for your able leadership in steering this Commission. The delegation of the Republic of Uganda aligns itself with the statement by the distinguished delegate of Sudan on behalf of G77. My delegation looks forward to a fruitful session with practical resolutions that will help us to make a difference in the lives of those many women, who are not privileged to be here with us today. We are optimistic that the outcomes of the 53rd Session of the Commission will provide realistic strategies for

In this regard, Uganda put in place a comprehensive national response,

which included a multi-sectoral approach, a strong political

commitment, a multi-sectoral strategy and the dissemination of messages about behavioral change, including primary and secondary abstinence, mutual faithfulness, sexual partner reduction and condom use especially in higher-risk communities. The approach to prevention known as the ABC Strategy (Abstinence, Being faithful, and Condom use) has formed the backbone of HIV prevention in the country. The ABC strategy has since

been widely adopted in other countries.

the epidemic. However, women because of the stereotype gender roles in our society, shoulder the burden of care giving. Women are the major providers of care in homes and the brunt of HIV/AIDS has added more responsibilities to them. In caring for the HIV/AIDS patients, women provide moral and

In conclusion, Chairperson experience shows that men especially the