



Statement by

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For the

57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Madam Chair

Excellencies

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and gentlemen

1. I am indeed honored to address this august 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on behalf of my country Kiribati and bring you warm greetings this morning..  
**Kam na mauri.**
2. We from Kiribati fully support and align ourselves with the Pacific Islands Forum Statement (to be) delivered by the Prime Minister of Tuvalu on the priority theme: Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.

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13. A draft policy on Gender equality and Women Development Policy focuses on creating an enabling environment for gender mainstreaming, economic empowerment, access to services and the advancement of women.

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14. Action on the ground has seen among others, the institutionalization of domestic violence within the Police training curriculum and establishment of 2 units with the Police Service to deal specifically with domestic violence cases and the building of safe communities.

15. I am pleased to see a number of measures to coordinate and monitor gender based violence

Welfare and Counselling Unit and the sole Crisis Centre that has and continues to provide shelter and counselling for women and girls survivors of violence.

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