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**Madam Chair,**

On behalf of the minister of Home Affairs responsible for the National Gender Policy of the Republic of Suriname, His Excellency Soewarto Moestadja, who could not be present at this session, I will make a statement on the policy view and actions of the Surinamese Government regarding the issue of gender based violence.

At the outset, we align ourselves with the statements of the G-77 and China, CARICOM and CELAC, respectively delivered by the distinguished representatives of Fiji, Guyana and Cuba.

The available data on the prevalence of violence against women in the  
should serve as a strong impetus to scale up efforts  
worldwide to prevent and eliminate this violation of human rights. For Suriname,  
these disturbing figures become reality when the recent numbers of violent death of  
women as a result of violence are on the increase.

The Government of Suriname in its Development Plan 2012-2016, has committed itself to the eradication of violence against women. Mindful of the complexity of violence against women and girls, the Government of Suriname has adopted multifaceted strategies in close collaboration with many stakeholders. Due attention is given to legislative measures, especially on the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons, the criminalization of rape within marriage, Stalking as well as the

Ongoing activities include the re-