



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
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**STATEMENT
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Madam Chair,
Excellences, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to extend congratulations to you as Chair of the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and to the members of the Bureau. My Delegation wishes to assure you of its full cooperation during our deliberations.

The Republic of Macedonia strongly supports the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls and hopes that the agreed conclusions from the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women will convey this message. We support action oriented policies and recommendations which focus menis

implementation of the policies for prevention against domestic violence is given to a multisectoral national coordinating body to be established with representatives from the line ministries, Parliamentarians, civil society representatives, the National NGO Network working against violence perpetrated on women and domestic violence, as well as other relevant stakeholders.

This year the Governments efforts will concentrate on enhancing the legal and institutional framework for countering all types of domestic violence by strengthening the rule of law, with a particular emphasis on strengthening the capacities of the judges and public prosecutors for identifying and processing cases of domestic violence. In this context, another area of intense activities will be the enhancement of the access, the quality and the scope of services that provide support to victims of violence.

Madam Chair,

Last August the National strategy on gender-responsive budgeting was adopted which provides for more inclusive approach in addressing gender gaps and inequalities in policies, plans, programmes and budgets with the aim of ensuring that men and women are equally served by the public sector. This, as well, will have an effect on better addressing the problem of violence against women and girls.

In January this year the Government of the Republic of Macedonia adopted the National Action Plan on the implementation of the UNSC Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. In the process of elaboration of the National Action Plan special emphasis has been given to the prevention of conflict and all forms of violence against women and girls. The goals of the NAP are focused on: 1) strengthening the gender perspective in peace, security and defense policies of the country, 2) increasing the participation and the role of women in peacekeeping (civilian and military missions) and 3) preventing violence against women in pre and post-conflict settings, as well as during humanitarian crisis caused by natural disasters. We are working actively at national acet icet

