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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO
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ON BEHALF OF THE RIO GROUP

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STATEMENT BY THE RIO GROUP CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Member States of The Rio Group,
namely, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

States from our Group have enhanced legal and policy frameworks for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women including in their national constitutions, by enacting gender equality laws and by reviewing and revising discriminatory laws. Gender equality has also been integrated into national development plans. These plans also address the issue of violence against women and girls.

carried out by Ambassador Carmen Moreno as previous Director of the INSTRAW.

We would also like to announce the launching of a regional campaign on 19 September in Santiago de Chile entitled "Deliver Now for Women and Children", coordinated by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and the WHO, to accelerate the achievement of MDG 4 and 5.



