



**REPRESENTATIVE OF TANZANIA ON BEHALF OF MEMBER STATES OF THE  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) ON AGENDA**

**ITEM 56: ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN.**

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I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Southern African Development Community, the countries of Angola, Botswana,

remain major obstacles to gender equality and constrains the attainment of other rights

**Chairperson,**

**SADC Member States condemn violence against women in all its forms - 1**

on the scope and nature of trafficking in women and girls which would guide the development of national policies and programmes to address the problem. We thus wish to call for increased funding to UNIFEM which would enable it carry out its mandate more efficiently and effectively in coordinated action with other funds and programmes and UN agencies in the field.

**Chairperson,**

Enhanced international cooperation and global partnership is needed to assist countries to effectively implement the Beijing Platform for Action and other international commitments. We reiterate the position of G77 that encourages the International Community should to honour its commitment to Official Development Assistance; the International Community must commit debt relief and opening of markets to give opportunities particularly to women entrepreneurs. Increased development assistance in such areas as education, health and job creation is vital towards eliminating gender disparities and eliminating violence against women.

Chairperson - let me conclude by reiterating the commitment of SADC towards