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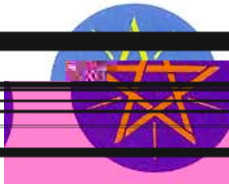
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Mr. Chairman;

At the outset my delegation would like to express its profound appreciation to the Secretary-General for the reports before us on the agenda item under consideration. My delegation would also like to

associate itself with the statement made by the delegation of Yemen on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Mr. Chairman;

It has been fifteen years since the international community came together and adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action which is the basic global policy framework for the full realization of gender equality, women's human rights and of

stereotypes have hindered progress towards gender equality and empowerment of women. Worldwide women are subject to different forms of violence and discrimination. Non-traditional forms of violence

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have become global phenomena. Thus, greater political will and

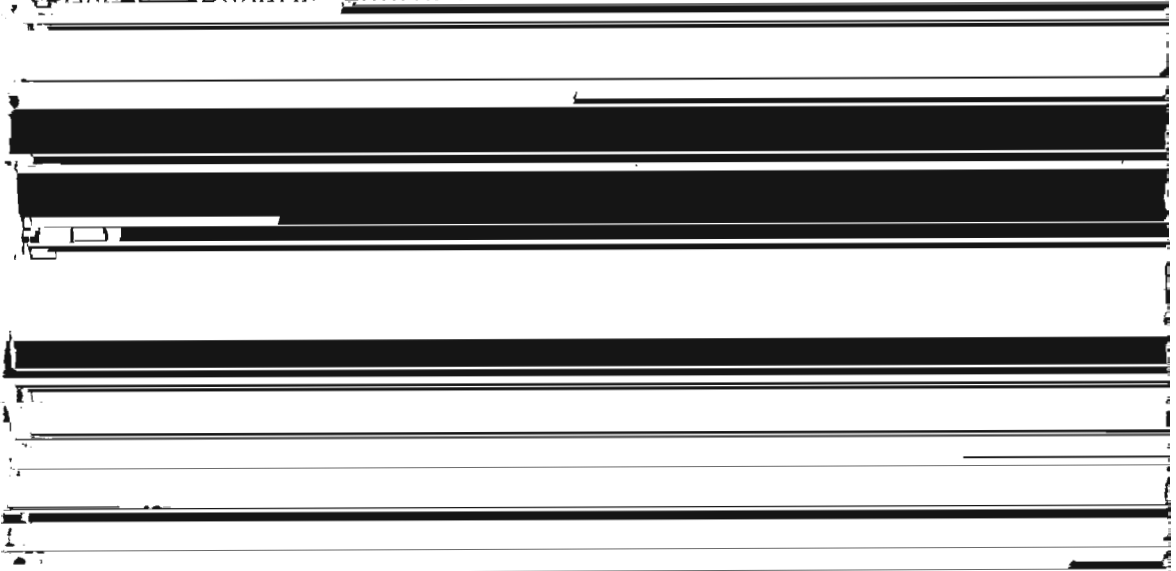
leadership both at national, regional and international levels becomes imperative to increase resources and implement policies and strategies geared towards gender equality and empowerment of women.

Mr. Chairman,

In this connection, I would like to express my delegation's appreciation for the establishment of UN Women to enhance UN efforts to promote

numbers of women in decision-making and leadership roles have increased considerably.

The Government of Ethiopia has also taken a number of practical measures to improve women's access to basic and maternal health services. Similarly, efforts have been made to increase the enrollment



and retention rate of girls and women in all levels of education. The government has been taking a number of initiatives to ensure women's rights to own properties and improve their livelihoods. Under the food security programme, more attention has been given to women particularly for female-headed household in providing extension packages.

In an effort to eliminate violence against women and ensure the respect for their rights before the law, the Family Law and the Penal Code have been thoroughly revised. Accordingly, perpetrators of various forms of violence against women, such as rape and abductions, among others, may receive rigorous punishment. In line with the revised penal code,

