

**Statement by the representative of Tajikistan  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation expresses its appreciation to Ms. Lakshmi Puri, UN Women Deputy Executive Director and Assistant Secretary-General, Ms. Silvia Pimentel, Chair of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Ms. Rashida Manjoo, the UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women for their valuable briefing. We are confident that newly established UN Women will succeed indeed in ensuring gender equality and empowerment of women. Tajikistan aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of Argentina on behalf of the Group 77 and China.

Since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, certain progress has been achieved with regard to gender equality at the global level. However, we are still making efforts at the implementation of institutional arrangements to ensure equality.

My country also makes its contribution into the advancement of women in society attracts special attention in Tajikistan. Issues of gender equality are an important area of Tajikistan's state policy and activities of its public structures. The country has seen positive dynamics of public administration, the environment for girls and addressing domestic violence, reducing maternal and infant mortality and etc.

The National Action Plan on Enhancing the Role and Status of Women and Gender Equality "On increasing the role of women in society, ensuring equal rights and opportunities for men and women and their full and equal participation in Tajikistan. Law "On State Guarantees of equality between men and women and equal opportunities for their realization" provides state guarantees on equal opportunities for men and women in public service social and economic sphere, in the course of the implementation of the national strategy "The State Program on Education, selection and appointment of leading cadres among capable women and girls" has been approved. One of the main goals of this program is to increase the representation of women leaders in government agencies. The representation of women in leading executive judicial branches at the level of 30% can be considered as general indicator of achieving this goal. The National Strategy for enhancing the role for women in the republic of Tajikistan for the period of 2011-2020 has been approved. Currently, a draft law "On social and legal protection of women victims of violence" is under consideration. In order to ensure the rights of girls to education and to prepare them for independent life, as well as to implement specific articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Government has issued in 2011 to 18 years. Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology are among the priorities of the Government policy of Tajikistan.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Of course, there are still many problems to address. "Elimination of poverty", relatively high rates of maternal and infant mortality are of major concern for us. Insulation of the family and major changes; increase of divorce rate, increase of early marriage and high rates of migration workers, especially young girls, represent serious problem. Society and the government are looking for solution to these problems. Considerable significant resources, public awareness campaigns and practical measures are needed in order to actually provide a legal basis, to improve and protect women's rights in the country. Specific and practical measures and mechanisms are required to ensure implementation of the obligations of the state. On the way to gender equality between men and women, a number of economic and social challenges need to be overcome. In this regard, Tajikistan, as the member of the international community, with the

framework of international treaties on ensuring equal opportunities for women and girls in all spheres of life, and first and foremost, in education.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the commitment of the Government of the Republic of Armenia and effective implementation of the international standards on the issues of gender equality and empowerment of women.

Thank you for your attention.