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Bangladesh has made substantial progress in ensuring women's rights. The Government of Bangladesh is committed to the advancement of women through their political and economic empowerment. To this end, emphasis is given on the education of girls. Girls' education has been made free up to higher secondary level. Special

stipend for girls has increased their enrollment in higher secondary and graduation level. Gender parity, a prime target of MDG-3, has been achieved in primary and secondary levels. Currently, the male-female ratio at secondary level is 47:53. The National Women's Development Policy, which is in place since 2001, has been revised to

Finally Mr. Chair, it is true that governments bear primary responsibility for realizing

~~development of women. However, international community development partners~~

and UN agencies have significant role to play. While financial support is essential, developing countries also need technical support. I hope such support would be

~~effective for the betterment of situation of women folk in developing world~~