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**Introductory Statement
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**Madam Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Representatives of Civil Society,
Colleagues,**

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to address this session of the Commission on the Status of Women. Allow me to extend a warm welcome to the many distinguished Ministers and high-level representatives who have travelled from their capitals to attend this session of the Commission. Your presence testifies to the importance that Member States accord to the work of the Commission on the Status of Women.

I would like to say a special word of thanks to the Bureau and in particular to you, Madam Chairperson, for your leadership and wisdom in setting the context and tone for constructive dialogue in preparations for this session and commend all members of the Bureau on the efficient way in which the Commission and its inter-sessional activities were managed during the past two years.

I would also like to commend our colleagues from the United Nations system and our

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We must seize the opportunity of the review and appraisal of Beijing+10 and the high-level Plenary Meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly which will undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fu

In the field of women and peace, the Security Council adopted its Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2004/40) in which it went beyond its previous mandates for implementation of its resolution 1325 (2000)