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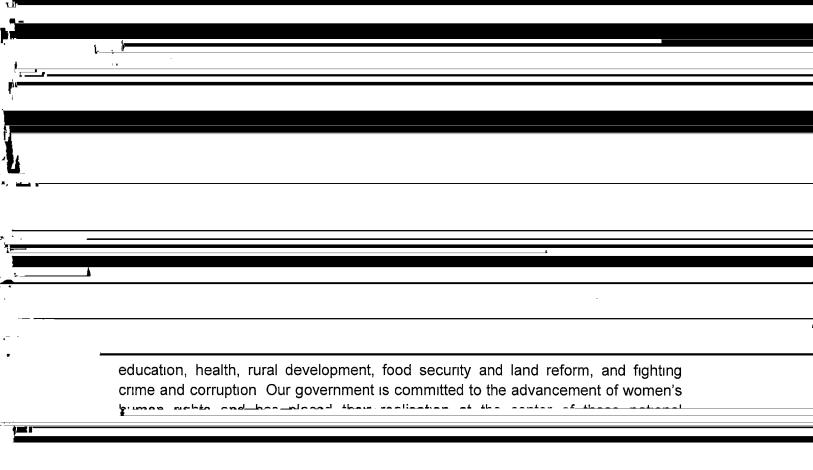
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## Chairperson,

South Africa aligns itself with the statements delivered by the delegation of Algeria on behalf of the G77 and China and the delegation of Malawi on behalf of the SADC Group.

Substantial progress has been recorded over the past decade and longer in promoting, protecting and advancing the human rights of women globally, especially in the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

In South Africa gender equality is a national priority While women now have improved access to housing, water, sanitation, electricity, social services, health-care and other services, more needs to be done as women in South Africa still bear a disproportionate burden of multiple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment. As such, we are conscious of the need to mainstream gender transformation in all policies and programmes of government in this regard, the



We therefore support the continued commitment shown by UN Women to integrate a gender perspective under the Women, Peace and Security agenda, in keeping with its broader UN system-wide mandate.

This pertains also to the recruitment, selection and promotion of women in all UN organisations, entities and country teams, particularly at senior levels.

other than those specifically dedicated to gender equality and women's empowerment Most recently, gender perspectives have been reflected in important sectoral areas such as sustainable development, climate change and trade and development

Chairperson,

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	Efforts are underway to ensure that women including women with disabilities	
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	become the main beneficiaries of land reform processes in South Africa	
	Undoubtedly, mainstreaming gender into budgeting processes is critical to building	
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•	at all levels of budgeting planning processes across all spheres and levels of government in South Africa	
	Chairperson,	
	As in other countries with large traditional and rural based constituencies. South	
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	African women still bear the brunt of financial dependency on husbands, fathers, partners and family members, where they are particularly vulnerable to the dangers of gender-based violence	
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