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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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Mr. Chair,

Allow me first of all on behalf of the Government of Hungary to express our deepest condolences and solidarity with the victims of the disasters in Chile and Haiti.

Mr. Chair,

Hungary welcomes the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and wishes it a lot of success. Let me congratulate you, Mr. Chair, and all the members of the Commission on the important work you have carried out. This year's session is especially outstanding as it gives us the opportunity – 15 years after the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action – to review the results achieved so far as well as to explore the remaining challenges.

On behalf of the Government of Hungary I welcome the political declaration that was adopted yesterday in which we confirmed our earlier commitments.

Hungary alligns itself with the statement made by Spain on behalf of the European Union. The European Union has already achieved a number of results in the area of equal opportunities, including gender equality. The present and future presidencies of the European Union, i.e. Spain, Belgium and Hungary have elaborated a common operative program, which focuses on the promotion of gender equality in different policies.

Hungary has accelerated the implementation of the tasks identified in the Beijing Declaration. Therefore I am pleased to inform you that gender equality issues have been given priority in Hungary in a government decree in January 2010 under the title of "National Strategy For the Promotion of Gender Equality – Guidelines and Goals 2010 – 2021".

The Strategy identifies 6 priorities in areas where firm government actions are required to achieve genuine gender equality. The measures taken by the government are based on the actual social situation, their proper implementation must be monitored through a professional set of indicators.

The priorities of the Hungarian governmental program are as follows:

1. Accomplishing equal economic independence of women and men, closing the employment and pay gaps, considering issues of women and poverty and women and health
2. Enhanced facilitation of the reconciliation of professional, private and family life
3. Facilitating the reduction of the disproportional presence of women and men in political and economic decision-making and in the sciences
4. Taking measures to efficiently combat and prevent violence
5. Facilitating the elimination of gender stereotypes
6. Laying the professional foundations for the inevitable changes necessary to achieve the goals of gender mainstreaming

Mr. Chair,

I believe that we must not be satisfied with what has been achieved so far. We should be bold enough to set ambitious goals!

Hungary reaffirms its strong support for the establishment of the UN Gender Entity before the end of the 64th session of the General Assembly and we urge the appointment of the Under-Secretary General.

The statements delivered at the 54th session of the CSW highlight that stronger coordination efforts are needed within the UN especially focusing on the elimination of all forms of violence against women, the development of reproductive health and promoting the economic independence of women. The gender dimension should be given high priority on the way out of the crisis since women's participation in the labour market has a positive influence on the lives of women, families, and children as well.

Distinguished members of the Commission, let us work together to achieve these goals.

Finally, I would like to wish you a successful session.

Thank you for your kind attention.