



which we have adopted as basis for concrete and comprehensive follow-up action and to publicize the Committee's concluding comments widely to the public at large.

Once again, we benefited a great deal from the contributions by non-governmental organizations and I wish to thank them and acknowledge their pivotal role in implementation of the Convention at the national level. I commend their continuing and sustained advocacy for the promotion and protection of women's human rights. The role of the United Nations system in supporting the implementation of the Convention is also critical and I urge them to support and encourage the use of the Convention as a general framework for all development efforts at the national level.

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the Committee, but we look forward to continuing our collaboration and friendship with you. I wish you a safe journey back home and look forward to seeing you, and to welcoming the new members of the Committee, in January.