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**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Liu Zhenmin, Deputy Permanent  
Representative of China to the United Nations, at the Third Committee  
of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly under Item  
on Advancement of Women**

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The Chinese delegation associates itself with the statement made by Antigua and Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77 and China under this agenda item.

Mr. Chairman,

Recent years have witnessed great efforts by the international community to promote gender equality, with remarkable progress achieved. While gender equality and empowerment of women have been gradually incorporated into national policy, the UN system is also taking incremental steps to realize the gender mainstreaming goals. According to the report of the Secretary General (A/63/217), "During its sixty-second



constitute an obstacle to the realization of gender equality, as well as a test for the political will and response capacity of states

Mr. Chairman,

The year 2007 marked the mid-way point toward attaining the Millennium Development Goals. At the just-concluded High Level Meeting of the United Nations on the MDGs, it became clear to all the participants that realizing the MDGs is not only the solemn undertaking of national governments but also the ardent aspiration of the world's people. Advancing gender equality is not only one of the MDGs itself, but also an effective means to realize other MDGs, such as eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing environmental poverty, education, reducing child mortality and improving

the 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Session of the GA on Women and push forward the attainment on schedule of the MDGs,

Mr. Chairman,

Gender equality is a fundamental state policy of China. The Chinese government is committed to using legal, economic and administrative means to uphold the legitimate rights and interests of women, secure women's equal status in the country's political, economic and social life, eliminate stereotypes and discrimination against women, and combat criminal activities against women and children. With a view to effectively

promoting women's development and fulfilling the relevant international commitments