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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman,

Poland is taking the floor for the first time during the 54th session of the Commission on the Status of Women so let me begin by joining previous speakers in congratulating you and other members of the Bureau on your election.

It is my great privilege to participate in the session celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as well the tenth anniversary of the outcome document of the 23rd Special Session of the 2000 General Assembly.

Mr. Chairman,

While supporting the statement delivered earlier by the distinguished representative of Spain on behalf of the European Union, Poland would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate our understanding that any reference to the sexual and reproductive rights of women made in the statement by the EU does not constitute an encouragement to the promotion of abortion.

Mr. Chairman,

Please be assured of Poland's commitment to the full and swift realization of the advancement of women.

We are looking forward to working with you and other delegations to achieve this goal.

I thank you all.