



Permanent Mission of
Malaysia

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STATEMENT BY

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in our legal and institutional frameworks have been made to protect, preserve and safeguard the rights and improve the status of women in the country in all areas.

4. We also recognize that non-governmental organisations (NGOs) play an important role in complementing the efforts of the Government for the benefit of women, and funding for NGOs is provided within our budget to implement activities and programmes for the advancement of women.

5. I wish to express Malaysia's support to the Secretary-General's multi-year ~~campaign to end violence against women~~ which was launched on 25 February of this

year. We are pleased to note that the Secretary General is committed to a stronger and

call centre has also been established to allow assistance to all types of victims. This one-stop call centre allows the authorities to respond faster and more effectively to assist not only victims of violence, but also to assist in overall social welfare issues.

Malaysia is fully supportive of efforts towards creating a gender balance within the

United Nations system. As stated in the Secretary-General's report on "Improvement of the status of women in the United Nations system", there remain some systematic impediments within the United Nations system. This needs to be improved. In

11. Additionally, another achievement in the area of women's empowerment is the development of Malaysia's Gender Gap Index (MGGI). It is a composite index to measure gender equality in the four dimensions of health, education, economic and empowerment of women for the years 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2004. The time series data showed overall

Mr. Chairman,

12. In conclusion, the Government of Malaysia will continue to enhance efforts to improve the status of women to enable them to reach their full potential and