

### Consolidation of Gains

At recent world conferences and summits we, the member states of the United Nations, have made significant commitments affecting the lives of girls and women. We must reaffirm these commitments here in Beijing. We must act upon them.

Madam President, over the past 50 years Canada has been a firm and committed supporter of the United Nations. We shall continue to do so. Today, we are here to support the UN in its quest for a global plan for women's equality.

I am here to pledge Canada's unflagging commitment to work toward this goal in a spirit of co-operation and goodwill with all nations.

Thank you, Madam President.