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THEREFORE, ONCE AGAIN, WE APPLAUD THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVES IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT AREA.

MR. CHAIRMAN,

DESPITE SOME IMPORTANT ADVANCES, WE ARE WELL AWARE JUST HOW MANY AND GREAT ARE THE OBSTACLES TO BE OVERCOME BEFORE WE REACH OUR GOAL OF GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY. THE CHALLENGE OF OBTAINING FULL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN MUST BE MET. IT IS A CHALLENGE THAT CANADA INTENDS TO MEET HEAD ON, BOTH WITHIN OUR OWN COUNTRY AND INTERNATIONALLY. WE BELIEVE THE 1995 CONFERENCE ON WOMEN WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THE CONCRETE MEASURES AND STRATEGIES NEEDED TO OBTAIN OUR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE - COMPLETE GENDER EQUALITY.

THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.