

Equal opportunity for both men and women, without discrimination of any kind.

This Seminar is a necessary step in that direction and Canada is pleased to be home to the first major gathering of countries leading into International Women's Year.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs. Helvi Sipilä to Canada today, not only in her role as Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, but also in her capacity as Secretary-General for International Women's Year.

Canada may have been chosen to host this Seminar because we have had such wide and diverse activities and programmes, both in government and the private sector, centred around the status of women.