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Mr. President,

I am pleased to participate, on behalf of the United Arab Emirates, in this annual pledging event which provides an opportunity to renew the international commitments to support UN Women, which although still fairly new, has become a significant actor in the international development process.

It has been only four years since UN Women was established in 2010, yet it has already achieved concrete results, most notably is establishing a firm normative foundation for the achievement of gender equality and women’s empowerment at the global level, and the mobilization of the necessary resources to achieve those goals.

UN Women has made important progress in areas of women’s economic empowerment, political participation, women’s involvement in the maintenance of peace and security, humanitarian activities and combating all forms of violence against women. We are proud to support UN Women financially and morally, in achieving its mission. But the road ahead is long, and it is imperative to ensure a steady and predictable flow of the necessary resources so that UN Women is able to achieve our shared goals and outcomes globally.

The United Arab Emirates recognizes the importance and the value of the leading role played by UN Women in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women. And as a reaffirmation of our strong support, and the support of HH Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak, Chairman of the General Womens Union, to UN Women we are pleased to announce today a package of contributions and initiatives aimed at promoting its work and achieving its overall objectives. These contributions include:

• A five million dollar donation to the core budget for the period 2014-2016
• Funding the opening of a regional office For UN Women in Abu Dhabi
• Appointing a senior adviser from the United Arab Emirates to work at the headquarters in New York
• The launch of a policy initiative to support the efforts of UN women in the preparations of the 2015 global review of women and peace and security.

The UAE will continue to make every effort to support women’s issues and the advancement of women at the national and international levels, in the context of the international endeavors to achieve comprehensive and sustainable development for all.

Thank you.