Mr. President,

My delegation reaffirms our full commitment to UN-Women towards the fulfilment of their critical mandate in which all women, men, girls and boys are equal.

With the huge gains recorded by UN-Women in its normative and operational activities with a limited budget, the entity stands poised to deliver on an ambitious strategic plan for 2014-2017, which will require commensurate financial resources.

We have heard the appeals from UN-Women and many donors calling for all Member States to contribute to the core budget of UN-Women in order to reach a critical mass of US$500 million for its short to medium term budgetary requirements.

South Africa has been a regular contributor to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women.

The promotion of women’s human rights is a high priority for the South African Government. We therefore recognise the need to translate political will into concrete action and as such efforts are underway towards ensuring that South Africa joins the UN donor family as a contributor to the core budget of UN-Women.

I thank you.