Statement

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Mr. President,

Madam Executive Director,

The Bahamas is pleased by the opportunity to reaffirm its support for the important work of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), which continues to make significant progress in advancing gender equality and the empowerment of women on a global scale.

The Bahamas appreciates the critical nature of the mandate of UN-Women as well as the importance of the moment with respect to our work in the area of gender equality and women’s empowerment. In view of the impending deadline for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the forthcoming 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing +20) and the
ongoing process of elaborating the post-2015 development agenda, we acknowledge the need for accelerated action and a development agenda which is inclusive and transformative, in protecting and promoting the rights of women and girls everywhere. The Bahamas commends the vision of UN-Women, in this regard, and affirms its support for all efforts to ensure that women and girls are not left behind.

The Bahamas was pleased to host, in March of this year, its first side-event during the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in collaboration with UN-Women, to screen a Bahamian documentary film chronicling the history of the Women’s Suffrage Movement in The Bahamas. The Bahamas also takes this opportunity to express sincere appreciation for the financial and technical support received from UN-Women, through its sub-regional office in the Caribbean. Such assistance supports our continued efforts to build
capacity at the national level which is key for Small Island Developing States such as ours.

Despite resource limitations, the Government of The Bahamas was pleased to make a contribution of $5000.00 to the core budget of UN-Women last year and we will do so again for the 2014/2015 period.

The Bahamas hopes to continue this support in years to come as we work toward a common vision of equality for women and girls everywhere.

I thank you.