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**Statement by the Delegation of Mexico during the debate on
Issue 28: Advancement of Women,
in the Third Committee of the 67 UNGA.**

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to thank the Secretary General for the elaboration of the issued reports and we would also like to express our support for the statements issued by delegation of Chile on behalf of CELAC.

Mr. Chairman,

During the work of this Committee we will be negotiating draft resolutions that are critical to the advancement of women, of particular importance is the resolution on the intensification of the efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women. Considering that statistics show that up to 7 out of 10 women from around the world claim to have suffered physical and/or sexual violence, the issue must receive the full commitment of all Member States of the Organization.

This resolution will precede the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in which the theme during the next session will be "The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls". We hope that this time, the Commission will be able to rule conclusively on this extremely relevant matter. We can't afford to fail again, as was the case with rural women, where it was not possible for the Commission to adopt agreed conclusions. We must ensure that the negotiation during the work of the Third Committee forms a basis for the establishment of a constructive atmosphere.

Mr. Chairman,

Let me refer to two groups of women, indigenous women and migrant women, whom, due to their special situation of vulnerability, must be given particular attention.

During the last session of the Commission on the Status of Women, my country, together with Bolivia, Ecuador, El Salvador and Guatemala, as well as many other countries, promoted the adoption of the resolution on Indigenous Women.

This resolution reflects our concern over the multiple forms of discrimination and poverty that indigenous women suffer, which in turn increases their vulnerability. The pertinence of taking this group into consideration is evident when we look to eliminate violence against women.

Migrant women today represent half of the 214 million migrants across the globe. If we truly intend to eliminate violence, discrimination or maternal mortality, we cannot afford to leave them behind. As always, my delegation remains committed to adopting agreements that are inclusive of these two groups.

Mr. Chairman,

At its 30th anniversary, there are 187 state parties to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Mexico values and recognizes the contributions of its Committee in the promotion of the human rights of women. This is why, we presented our combined seventh and eighth periodic report of States parties, which were examined this year. The recommendations by the Committee have been received with a great deal of commitment by our country, and we will follow up accordingly.

Mr. Chairman,

Almost 20 years after the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Plan of Action, Mexico wishes to reaffirm its commitment to the fulfillment of these instruments and we wish to reiterate their validity and relevance. Unfortunately, despite the efforts made, there remain a large number of outstanding tasks in order to achieve full gender equality and the realization of the human rights

of millions of women around the globe. In the international arena we would like to recognize the excellent work and leadership of UN Women in this task. The challenge now is for a gender perspective to transcend this Committee and be incorporated across the board in all tasks of our organization. This vision must be fully incorporated, particularly in the sustainable development agenda.

My delegation will continue to work for the systematic inclusion of a gender perspective, especially in areas where small progress has been made, such as peace and security, international legal framework and budgetary matters.

We find ourselves at a defining moment for the future of our organization. If we want it to remain relevant, we must ensure that gender equality and the empowerment of women is among the top priorities for the post-2015 development framework.

Thank you.

