

**Statement by the President of the Executive Board of UN-Women, H.E.
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Ukraine to the United Nations**

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Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates, we have come to the end of a very productive and enlightening First Regular Session.

I am very pleased to see that we managed to successfully consider the entire agenda in a very efficient manner without compromising the quality of our discussion in the session. Throughout the session, we had very focused, interactive and rich discussions on each and every agenda item. Congratulations to you all.

I would like to thank our Bureau – the Vice Presidents in particular and their experts– for their excellent support during and in the lead up to the session. I especially wish to thank the delegation of Italy for their very skillful facilitation during this First Regular Session. Your hard work is truly appreciated. I wish to also thank profoundly the Executive Board and its observers for their constructive engagement and contributions in these meetings.

I also would like to thank the Secretary of our Board and his able team for providing all-out support to me and to the other members of the Bureau.

In her opening remarks, the Executive Director highlighted how global events continue to underline the critical need for UN-Women’s work in the assertion and protection of women’s rights. I would like to thank her and all UN-Women

colleagues' for their resolve to stay and deliver for women and girls around the world, including in Afghanistan.

At the opening segment, we have heard interventions from numerous Member States, including regional group statements. I thank my fellow ambassadors for their kind presence in the session yesterday and for their generous support expressed to the organization itself.

Over the past two days, we have heard several briefings from the secretariat colleagues. And I must acknowledge the quality of the presentations have been extremely rich. I would like to congratulate the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Directors Anita Bhatia and Asa Regner, as well as all other briefers from the UN Women Secretariat for their hard work and efforts in ensuring the high quality of our deliberations.

I also thank the delegations for their active participation throughout the session. I believe such interactive discussions would be immensely useful for further improving the work of the organization.

On this positive note, I once again thank you all for your cooperation, collaboration and support in making this a successful session!

I now wish to declare closed, the First Regular Session 2023 of the UN-Women Executive Board. This session is adjourned.