General Comments by Tehmina Janjua, DPR, Pakistan on behalf of the OIC on integrating the human rights of women in the UN system, L.32 Rev.1

Mr. President,

The OIC appreciates the fact that we will adopt today by consensus the draft resolution on integrating the human rights of women throughout the UN system. We thank Chile especially Ambassador Martabit for taking this initiative and Working hard to find compromises.

We welcome the Council's intention to focus on the promotion and protection of the human rights of women and to counter all forms and manifestation of violence against women.

The OIC would work closely with member states for the promotion and protection of the human rights of women as a priority area in the work of the Council.

We agree that states must develop and implement strategies, policies and programmes that aim at the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

The mainstreaming of Women's rights in the UN System is a larger task undertaken by the DAW, the General Assembly as well as the Special Advisor on Gender Issues. We believe that the resolution provides guidance on integrating human rights of women in the work of the Council only. Also, the Office of the High Commissioner will have, after the adoption of this resolution, guidance from the Council about the work of its Gender Unit.

Thank You, Mr. President.