

It is a pleasure for me to be here in Mar del Plata today, attending the Sixth Session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social development of Latin America and the Caribbean as a Regional Preparatory Conference for the Fourth World Conference on Women, to be held in Beijing in September 1995. I congratulate and the others members for their election to the Bureau. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the government of Argentina and in particular His Excellence President Carlos Saul Menem for his committment to the success of this Conference.

During all the preparations, the members of the Economic Commission for Latin america and the Caribbean, under the leadership of Mr.Gert Rosental, and with Ms. Myriam Krawczyk, the regional women focal point, many regional and subregional preparatory activities have been successfully carried out to allow us to be here today.

The preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women recognixe that preparatory activities and the final implementation of the outcomes at the national, regional and international level are part and parcel of one