

**Twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption, by the General Assembly of  
the United Nations, of  
the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

**CEDAW at 25: Are we moving forward?  
Round Table Discussion  
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**Statement by  
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Thank you for the opportunity to speak briefly at the closing of this very prestigious panel. As the distinguished panelists have all emphasized here this afternoon - and was raised yesterday in the opening

this session of the General Assembly so as to enable it to discharge all its responsibilities under the Convention and its Optional Protocol.

Finally, I want to thank and congratulate the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women – its Members past and present – represented today by the current Chair, Ms Feride Acar, as well as a number of past chairs on this panel Ms. Ivanka Corti, Ms. Salma Khan, Ms. Charlotte Abaka and Ms. Aida Gonzalez, as well as committee members among the participants. The important achievements that have been