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**Speech of
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**During
The International Summit on Gender Equality and Empowerment of
Women**

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**In the Name of Allah the Merciful;
Peace and Blessings be Upon His Messengers;**

Your Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and co-chair of the Summit;

Your Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon Secretary General of the United Nations, and co-chair of the Summit;

Your Majesties;

Your Highnesses;

Your Excellencies;

Ladies and Gentlemen Heads of State and Government;

Excellencies Heads of Delegation;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and to His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon Secretary General of the United Nations for the kind invitation to participate in this important meeting on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Excellencies Heads of Delegation;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is worth mentioning that 2015, which witnesses the celebration of the seventieth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, has the distinction of being the year in which the international community has adopted an ambitiously sustainable development program, aiming to identify the main choices that will guide the peoples of the whole world in order to eradicate poverty and achieve progress and prosperity for all. It also aims at providing environmental conservation, protection, and counters the effects of climate change, after wide-ranging consultations resulting in the eight Millennium Development Goals, among which the advancement of gender equality and empowerment of women ranked third. This proves that the International community gives the utmost importance to this central issue. One cannot imagine the achievement of any development that excludes the active participation of women and their contribution to the progress of mankind. It is up to the international community to ensure the respect of the legal rules that enable women to occupy decent positions mainly Beijing Declaration, and the Action Plan emerging from the Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing 1995.

Excellencies Heads of Delegation;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Gender equality should be concrete at all levels. The participation of women must be registered in all fields, women shall participate in decision taking just like men in the domain of good governance, and commercial business to sustain their resistance to social, Economic and Political vulnerability and alienation thus to end violent and discrimination against them. In order to establish good governance in the culture of the people, and deepened economic, social, cultural, and political circles, to have a positive impact on the speed of reforms and their implementation. It should also strengthen integration within pluralism with a wide participation of all groups and social classes to create a strong synergy that is able support sustainable development. African leaders have declared during the African Union Summit in the twenty-fourth session in January 2015, that 2015 is the "Year of the empowerment of women", which means the liberation of enormous energy in development and community service.

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania has sought in its national policies to empower women in all sectors and positions of leadership; be it legislative institutions, judicial, executive, political parties, civil society organizations, military and security agencies, or business. Thus, women have become an influential actor that cannot be bypassed in national life.

Excellencies Heads of Delegation;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I would like, in conclusion, to reiterate that gender equality and the empowerment of women should be an absolute necessity which we have to work to achieve.

I wish every success for our conference, and I thank you for your outstanding contributions

Peace and the Mercy of God be upon you.