



Mr. Chairman,

The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, sang: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Find out what it means to me!"

This song is an anthem for anyone who has ever felt marginalized or minimized. Every human being craves respect, the opportunity to own a decent living wage, a safe family, and contribute to

When we empower individuals, we strengthen entire societies. There can be no peace, no progress, and no parity unless all people everywhere are afforded equal rights and participation.

Mr. Chairman,

Women all over the world continue to be denied the opportunity to make the most basic

