



Statement By Mrs. Ruchi Ghanashyam, Minister, on Explanation After Adoption of the decision on UNDP Corporate Gender Strategy and Action Plan for 2005 on June 23, 2005

My delegation takes the floor to express satisfaction at the adoption of the UNDP Corporate Gender Strategy and Action Plan for 2005. We hope that the Executive Board's Decision would help in furthering gender mainstreaming in UNDP's programme and policies. We would like to place on record the following on behalf my delegation:

Firstly, we emphasise the principles of national ownership and leadership of programmes and that national plans, priorities and laws provide the framework for the work of UNDP at the country level. Further, the programmes undertaken at the country level are demand-driven and are taken up at the request of programme countries.

Secondly, the decision asks UNDP to allocate additional financial resources to gender mainstreaming. It is my delegation's understanding that this does not imply any change in the agreed procedure for allocation of core resources of UNDP and that the additional financial resources will be raised from non-core resources.

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