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For centuries, women have been treated in none equal terms in domestics and international matters and activities. This situation has been systematically addressed over the years by clear affirmative action.

It is a requirement to give specific opportunities in the defined ratios in committees and other governance positions protected by regulations in governing documents. This has substantially uplifted the rights and wellbeing of women.

In my country Kenya, the right of women is enshrined in the constitution with strong emphasis on affirmative action on gender opportunities, balancing and protection. Today it is a requirement that all states appointments must consist of one third (1/3) of either gender.

My participation on this board will bring this practical experience. I will also endeavour to strengthen women in the remote areas to services using ICT.

I established the eHealth Division and initiated eHealth processes in the Ministry of Health, Kenya. I believe this can contribute to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (Health MDGs) as well as MDG 3 which underscores the importance of gender equality.

I also led the process of developing the Kenya National eHealth strategy which is being used as the blue print in guiding the implementation of eHealth programmes and activities in the country.

The section is being strengthened day by day for increasing access to specialized health services and research in rural areas, overcoming the crucial problems of infrastructure.

Kenya has gained a significant popularity in using technology for health service delivery, e-education and m-banking and this enabled the country to secure UN Presidential award in 2011 at the United Nations General Assembly. I believe my contribution added to this achievement. Based on the aforementioned, I consider myself appropriate or this appointment.

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