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III. Report of the Chairperson on the activities undertaken between the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions of the Committee

1. At the 509th meeting on 2 July 2001, the Chairperson of the Committee, Charlotte Abaka, informed the Committee that she and another member, Ivanka Corti, had met with the Secretary-General on 9 February 2001 to discuss where the responsibility for the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women should be placed. During the meeting, she had emphasized the importance of close links between the Committee and the Commission on the Status of Women, and the identification by the Beijing Platform for Action of the Division for the Advancement of Women as the Secretariat entity responsible for servicing the Committee. Ms. Abaka informed the Committee that the Secretary-General had later written to her conveying his decision that the Committee should remain in New York and continue to be serviced by the Division for the Advancement of Women. Noting that the Secretary-General's letter pointed to the views of those most involved or affected, including Member States and the Committee, in addition to the Beijing Platform for Action, as informing his decision, Ms. Abaka expressed her satisfaction at the decision.

2. The Chairperson briefed the Committee on her attendance at the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Human Rights, drawing attention to a panel discussion organized by NGOs as a side event to the latter Commission. She also informed the Committee that she had attended a regional meeting of representatives from national machineries in Africa and selected national machineries from other regions, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 April 2001. She had come directly from Geneva where she had participated in the meeting of human rights chairpersons and a round table on women's reproductive and sexual health organized by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. She also indicated that she would inform members of decisions reached at those meetings during the course of the session.

