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28. **Ms. Shira Hyun-ju** (Republic of Korea), speaking as a youth delegate of her country, said that environmental degradation was a growing threat to women, that they should be actively involved in the quest for global solutions to the problem and that gender equality should be recognized as an essential condition for the creation of an environmentally sustainable society. The current global financial crisis was threatening the progress made towards gender equality in the labour market and more must be done to assist the 10 to 22 million women who were at risk of losing their jobs before the end of 2009. Her Government, aware of the difficulties that women faced in striking a balance between family life and a professional career, had introduced a plan for promoting gender equality in employment and achieving work-life balance.

