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ITEM 2: STRATEGIC PLAN

**STATEMENT BY H.E. AMBASSADOR CHRISTIAN WENAWESER, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

Chairperson,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Michelle Bachelet for her leadership and dedication in establishing UN Women as the United Nation's lead actor for gender equality and the empowerment of women. We look forward to working with her successor and hope for a swift appointment. The successes of UN Women during its first years of existence are well documented by the progress achieved toward the strategic plan's objectives. Similarly, we see that UN Women's ambitions are well reflected in the revised and updated strategic plan for the years 2014-17. We welcome the transparent and inclusive manner in which UN Women has shared information and promoted discussion about the strategic plan and believe that the document has benefitted from the feedback provided. We are looking forward to its adoption and effective implementation.

Chairperson,

Revising the strategic plan is a timely exercise in light of major developments within the United Nations. The Rio+20 outcome document foresees a major role for gender equality and the empowerment of women in the post-2015 development agenda, including as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. At a time where we are designing the future development

landscape, UN Women's voice should be heard loud and clear in support of a consistent and strong gender perspective as well as of concrete development objectives. In this regard, we recognize UN Women's continued strong focus on effectively eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls – an important contribution to sustainable development and to the full and effective implementation of women's and girl's human rights. The recent success of the Commission on the Status of Women, to which UN Women has substantially contributed, provides clear thematic guidance and has generated the necessary political momentum to strengthen this agenda for the years to come. Finally, we expect UN Women to further consolidate its leading role within the UN system in mainstreaming gender equality and the empowerment of women and to accord priority to the full and effective implementation of the relevant provisions of the QCPR (Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review).

Chairperson,

As an incoming member of the Executive Board Liechtenstein pledges its full commitment to help UN Women succeed in the achievement of its objectives in the priority areas outlined in the revised strategic plan. We will place particular emphasis on situations of armed conflict, where women continue to face multiple forms of discrimination and gender-based violence and continue to be underrepresented as stakeholders in peace processes. Neglecting women's rights and needs in peace accords and institutional arrangements and limiting their access to economic opportunities, justice and reparations has proved to hamper efforts to reach sustainable peace, security and development. We look forward to engaging with UN Women on this and other priorities and look forward to see its ambitious agenda implemented with the full support of States, including through appropriate funding.

Thank you.