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**WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY**

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PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Mr. President,

We welcome the latest report of the Secretary-General, which for the first time measures the progress of implementing resolution 1325 against specific indicators. We further welcome its recommendations as an important step toward moving the women, peace and security agenda further from rhetoric to action.

Mr. President,

As outlined in the concept note you have circulated for this debate, the participation of women in decision-making fora related to conflict prevention and resolution, peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery is a central goal of the women and peace and security agenda. Research has shown that the exclusion of women and the lack of gender expertise in peace negotiations leads to irreversible setbacks for women's rights. Peace accords often neglect to ensure the engagement of women in post-conflict governance and their access to economic opportunities, justice and reparations. It is unfortunate that eleven after the adoption of resolution 1325 the contribution of women to conflict management is still severely undervalued and underutilized. The Security Council must increase its efforts to incorporate a gender perspective in relevant

country-specific resolutions, with a view to increasing women's participation in peace negotiations and mediation and meeting the specific concerns of women during post-conflict reconstruction. The Security Council must also, hand in hand with the General Assembly, address the lack of women as lead peace mediators by encouraging the Secretary-General to appoint women to such positions and to ensure that adequate gender expertise is provided for all UN-led peace processes. We therefore welcome the adoption of today's PRST, which will help to further strengthen the perception of women as stakeholders, as opposed to mere victims or aid recipients.

Mr. President,

Liechtenstein honors its commitments to implement resolution 1325, as pledged at the commitment conference „A Call to Action“ on 25 September 2010. We continue to support international efforts to end impunity for the most serious crimes - including those committed against women during armed conflict. This includes continued financial support for the ICC Trust Fund for Victims, which adopts a gender-based perspective across all programming and specifically targets victims of all forms of sexual and gender violence. Most importantly, the Trust Fund provides direct assistance to victims and thus has an immediate impact on the ground. The Rome Statute of the ICC has significantly advanced international law by including sexual violence in the definition of crimes, in particular as a crime against humanity. The ICC therefore represents an important mechanism in the fight against sexual violence, that should be better integrated in the Security Council work on this issue..

Mr. President,

Research by the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security reveals that the Security Council does not consistently apply the principles of the women, peace and security agenda in its country-specific work. In an attempt to make this complex agenda more accessible and thereby contributing to a better mainstreaming, we have developed an iPhone App on

“Women, Peace and Security”<sup>i</sup>, in close partnership with Switzerland, Peacewomen and the NGO Working Group on Women Peace and Security, now available in a updated version which includes the “Monthly Action Points” compiled by NGO Working Group. Those Monthly Action Points contain concrete recommendations that provide guidance on how the Security Council can systematically meet its obligations to women in conflict.

I thank you.

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<sup>i</sup> The application can be downloaded the in the App store for free.