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High-Level Review of Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000)  
From Rhetoric to Effective Results.**

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**Mr. President,**

At the outset, we wish to thank His Excellency Mariano Rajoy, Prime Minister of Spain, for presiding over this Open Debate, which demonstrates the commitment of Security Council member States to the High-Level Review of Resolution 1325.

We also thank the UN Secretary General for his leadership on the subject matter under consideration, and for his comprehensive briefing.

We welcome and thank Ms. Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka, UN Women Executive Director, for her long-standing commitment to the defense and protection of Women's rights and for presenting the 2015 Secretary-General report on Women, Peace and Security.

We further welcome Ms. Yanar Mohammed, President of the Organization for Women's Freedom in Iraq, and Ms. Julienne Lusenge, Director of «Fonds pour les Femmes Congolaises» and President of the Administration Board of Sofepadi. We thank them for sharing the civil society's experiences on this crucial issue.

**Mr. President,**

2015 is a crucial year for women's rights and the United Nation's efforts towards gender equality, and to strengthen the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

We recognize the importance of this year's important dates for the United Nations and for the improvement of the gender issues on its Agenda, namely the 70th anniversary of the Organization; the 15th anniversary of Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security; the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action; and the inclusion of gender equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Mr. President,**

We express our concern with growing number and nature of armed conflicts: the new and emerging threats to peace and security, the rise of violent extremism and terrorism, the exponential growth of civilian victims, with women and children as the main victims.

According to the latest Secretary-General Report on Women, Peace and Security, over the past decade, the number of people in need of international humanitarian assistance has tripled, while 80 percent of them are affected by armed conflicts.

We recognize that prevention is the best channel to address potential conflict situations. We believe that women play a crucial role in conflict prevention and resolution and in peacebuilding.

**Mr. President,**

Over the years, the Security Council proved its invaluable commitment in furthering the Women, Peace and Security Agenda by adopting several resolutions, including in the area of leadership in conflict prevention, resolution and post-conflict peacebuilding.

However, obstacles and challenges still persist which prevent the full implementation of this agenda towards the implementation of the 4 pillars of Resolution 1325, namely Prevention, Protection, Participation, and Peacebuilding and Recovery.

In Angola, women's participation in the efforts to attain peace was a decisive factor. The post-conflict experience confirmed their direct involvement in the peacebuilding efforts, and they were instrumental in providing psychological support to the victims of the armed conflict as counselors of peace, national reconciliation and social harmony.

The Government established Counseling Centers to raise awareness of women's civil, political, economic, and social rights as a tool for the participation of families in the country's development, in accordance with the Constitution of Angola.

Through partnerships with civil society organizations, efforts have been deployed in order to strengthen their social partaking in the country's political and economic life.

The NGO "Peace Roots" was born with the objective of bringing together women from all political parties represented in parliament to participate in the efforts to consolidate peace and democracy; also, an association called "Pro-Chance Country (He for She)" was established to raise awareness among men of the need to eradicate all forms of gender-based violence.

**Mr. President,**

Owing to the experience accumulated in conflict prevention and resolution processes, Angola has been playing a role in the preservation of Peace and Democracy in Africa, especially in the Great Lakes Region, as well as in promoting the culture of peace, dialogue and national reconciliation.

The country has also made significant progress in the formulation of its National Plan of Action for the Implementation of Resolution 1325, to be implemented from 2016. This Plan sets out seven strategic objectives, with specified activities, goals, and performance indicators, namely:

1. Increase the participation of Women and integrate gender equality into all stages of peacebuilding processes, including at all decision-making levels;
2. Ensure the Training and Empowerment of all Women, girls and boys in peacebuilding processes, both in gender equality and gender-based violence, as well as other relevant aspects of Resolutions 1325 and 1820;

3. Promote and protect the human rights of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as their economic and social empowerment and participation in civil society, taking into account the need to prevent and eliminate gender- and conflict-based violence in conflict situations, and promote the empowerment of women;
4. Deepen and spread knowledge about the theme “Women, Peace and Security”, including training and raising awareness in all ministerial departments, the civil society, and among political decision makers;
5. Promote the participation of the civil society in the implementation of Resolution 1325;
6. Promote the socio-economic development of rural communities, raise awareness of their rights, increase food security and contribute to poverty eradication;
7. Include a gender perspective in the national budget with a view to fulfilling the commitments set in Resolution 1325.

**Mr. President,**

Finally, we hope that the High-Level Review will lead us to a world where women can effectively play the role they are destined to and enjoy their full rights. We hope that a strong political will and commitment to the attainment of such objectives will give a tangible contribution to increase women’s role and participation in the maintenance and building of a more just and peaceful world.

I thank you, Mr. President.