

Ms. Bogyay (Hungary): I wish to thank Spain and commend your vision and leadership, Mr. President, in organizing today's high-level debate on the review of resolution 1325 (2000).

Hungary strongly supported the adoption of resolution 1325 (2000), on women and peace and security, and the subsequent resolutions on that topic. We know that numerous initiatives and actions have been launched during the past 15 years aimed at enhancing the effective participation of women in peace processes, as well as their empowerment in peacemaking and post-conflict situations.

Hungary fully allies itself with the common pledges on the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security delivered by the observer of the European Union.

In addition, at the national level, Hungary pledges to identify and deploy female military experts, officers and police officers to United Nations peacekeeping and European Union Common Security and Defence Policy missions.

We also commit ourselves to stepping up all efforts aimed at strengthening justice and accountability. In that context, we support the inclusion of the perpetrators of gross violations of women's human rights and other forms of gender-based crimes in United Nations and bilateral sanctions.

We are ready to contribute to international initiatives aimed at combating sexual violence in conflicts, particularly against women and girls.

Hungary financed, on a bilateral basis, a gender-based training workshop in Kenya aimed at developing the security sector within the framework of our international development cooperation strategy. We have also supported UN-Women programmes, one in the Western Balkans on advancing the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000), on women and peace and security, and one in Kenya for improving security and enhancing leadership for crisis-affected women and girls. Hungary also contributed to the construction of a secondary school for girls in Afghanistan.

However, despite the remarkable progress we have made in the past 15 years, there still remain significant challenges hindering our efforts to achieve peace and security for all. Hungary is greatly looking forward to working with UN-Women and Member States on the various United Nations programmes, because we believe that responsibility for dealing with those issues lies with all of us, without exception.

Hungary declared its commitment to the cause of preventing sexual violence at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict held in London last year, where

Hungary joined others in endorsing the communiqué on the Call to Action to End Violence against Women and Girls in Emergencies. Finally, I would like to add that, in cooperation with Hungarian Baptist Aid, a renowned organization

that has accumulated vast experience in cooperating with military peacekeeping forces in fighting sexual violence and dealing with the consequences of such vicious acts, Hungary also continues to contribute to a project aimed at educating women and girls in Baghlan province in Afghanistan.