

Ms. Lucas (Luxembourg) (*spoke in French*): Today we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of a resolution whose legacy has been of incredible richness. Resolution 1325 (2000) was the response of the Security Council to a decade of unprecedented violations and violence against women. But resolution 1325 (2000) was also the starting point of many developments both normative and operational. This dual orientation is at the heart of resolution 1325 (2000): it aims not only at protecting women in times of conflict, but also at enabling them to fulfil their role as agents of change. We welcome the adoption of resolution 2242 (2015) and the presentation to be made tomorrow on the global study on the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000), which Luxembourg financially supported.

Luxembourg fully supports the statement of the European Union and will contribute to the implementation of the European commitments made at this meeting.

During its recent term on the Security Council, Luxembourg made the women and peace and security agenda one of its priorities. I would like to reiterate our commitment to the cause of women in times of conflict and in times of peace. The importance of role of women in the development of their countries is no longer in doubt. Luxembourg is also pursuing a strategy of taking into account the conditions, priorities and needs of women as part of our official development assistance, which amounts to 1 per cent of our gross national income.

We are convinced of the value of the contribution of women in peacebuilding efforts. Since 2010, Luxembourg has supported a project of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations designed to strengthen the role of women in peacekeeping and peacebuilding, in close consultation with national authorities and civil society organizations. In this regard, I would like to thank the women's organizations of civil society for their commitment, without which it would not be possible to make progress on the women and peace and security agenda.

We support the partnership between Justice Rapid Response, UN-Women and the Institute for International Criminal Investigations, which allows experts to be deployed to investigate and provide assistance to victims. We also support the team of experts on the rule of law and issues related to sexual violence in times of conflict with a view to strengthening the capacity of national stakeholders in the rule of law and justice. Indeed, the fight against impunity is essential: there can be no peace without the restoration of justice. In this regard, I would like to reiterate the full support of my country for the International Criminal Court, which, since its creation, has strengthened the fight against impunity.

Luxembourg is and will remain a strong and reliable partner of UN-Women, to which it is one of the top 20 contributors. In addition, we will maintain our high level of financial contribution in the area of gender mainstreaming in the budgets of United Nations agencies.

Each State and each international or regional organization has a role to play in advancing the role of women in the interest of peace and security. But the Security Council must also fulfil the role it has taken on in adopting this historic resolution 15 years ago. It must show political will and courage. We hope that the new resolution, of which Luxembourg is one of the sponsors, can contribute to that outcome, in particular through the creation of the informal group of experts that will assist the Council to integrate more systematically the questions of women and peace and security in its work. The call to action we are launching today can succeed only if we are all willing to hear the appeal and if everyone is ready to act.