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Mr. President,

Thank you, Mr. President, for convening this important meeting and for ensuring we all stay engaged in our goal of achieving full implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325.

I would also like to thank the Secretary General for having facilitated the comprehensive Global Study on the implementation of the SCR1325. It provides an excellent overview of gaps and challenges, emerging trends and proposed priorities.

Denmark remains as committed to implement SCR 1325 as ever. Denmark was among the first countries to formulate a national action plan for implementing this resolution and last year we adopted our third national action plan (2014-2019). We emphasize using the untapped potential of women. We seek to involve women actively, on an equal basis, in prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace building and peace keeping, humanitarian response and in post conflict reconstruction. And we commit to concrete actions in order to achieve these ends.

It is widely acknowledged that the absence of women from early peace negotiations and reconstruction measures can have a long-lasting negative impact on development of good governance. No society can afford the luxury of leaving out half of their population from decision-making processes.

Therefore, the Security Council must send a strong message in support of women's political participation in peace and development processes to the benefit of all women and men.

As described in the Global Study progress has been made and should be recognized.

Incorporation of gender perspectives into peace processes is emerging, although too slowly. All countries must develop national action plans.

Root causes to war and conflicts must be addressed. As described in the Global Study, while the wars immediately after World War II were nationalist wars or political wars based on political ideology, many of today's wars are religious or ethnic in origin. Often the ideologies are deeply conservative and reactionary towards women and their rights. The global community needs to address these issues.

Resolution 1325 is a strong resolution, and we all have an obligation to ensure effective implementation at both the national and international level.

Denmark has identified a number of 1325 commitments of which I will just mention a few:

- We will focus on promoting women as peace-builders in Danish funded programmes in fragile and conflict-affected states,
- Our military deployments to peacekeeping missions will all receive mandatory training on the role of gender in peace support operations,
- We will immediately investigate suspected criminal misconduct during deployments and when relevant ensure prosecution of the alleged perpetrators,
- We will continue to focus on recruitment of Danish female police officers to international missions including for leadership functions.

The Global Study on the implementation of resolution 1325 contains an excess of excellent proposals for actions. Inspired by these we must ensure that 1325 and its follow-up resolutions are enacted. Let's get to work now.

Thank you Mr. President.