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Meeting of the Women, Peace and Security National Focal Points Network
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs, the European Union and Cooperation, Josep Borrell has taken part in the meeting of the Women, Peace and Security National Focal Points Network.

Promoting the establishment of the Women, Peace and Security Focal Points Network was one of the commitments undertaken by Spain in the 2015 high-level open debate on Resolution 1325. The Network was a Spanish initiative launched in 2016 and it is made up of more than 80 States and regional organisations. To date, meetings have been held in Alicante, under the Spanish presidency, in the previous session of the General Assembly in New York and in Berlin. Spain is part of the Troika, alongside Germany and Namibia.

The ministers and focal points debated over the importance of strengthening the implementation of the regulatory framework of the Security Council regarding Women, Peace and Security and guaranteeing that this body includes this agenda and gender analysis in its response to humanitarian crises.

The Women, Peace and Security agenda is a priority for the Government of Spain. Minister Borrell highlighted the advances that have been carried out at a national level, among which the II National Plan of Action and the holding of courses on the integrated approach to gender in operations can be particularly noted.

Finally, Minister Borrell announced that in the next Open Debate on Resolution 1325 that will be held in October, Spain and Finland will present a joint initiative and specific commitments with the aim of achieving the effective participation of women in peace processes by 2025.

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