

Ms. Chana (United Republic of Tanzania): The United Republic of Tanzania welcomes Spain's leadership on the importance of the role of women in peace and security. We also commend Spain's Security Council presidency for its focus on the invaluable contribution women can bring to the effective implementation of resolution 1325 (2000). We thank Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the Executive Director of UN-Women, the President of the Executive Board of Solidarité féminine pour la paix et le développement intégral and the President of the Organization of Women's Freedom in Iraq for their briefings.

Fifteen years ago the Security Council adopted resolution 1325 (2000), which provided a foundation on which the international community could establish greater engagement by women in the area of peace and security. Tanzania is pleased to note that progress has been made. The establishment of a normative framework on women and peace, the creation of UN-Women and the establishment of the Offices of the Special Representatives of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict and for Children and Armed Conflict are positive developments and have truly made a difference.

Obviously, there is much to be done in enabling the participation of women in peace processes and post-conflict political transition and in protecting, and countering the violation of, children. These gaps are largely attributed to the failure to collect sufficient resources, lagging political commitment and the absence of a strong accountability regime.

In advancing the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000), the Security Council, the United Nations system, regional organizations, Member States and civil society have important roles to play. In addition, various United Nations bodies and entities should tirelessly strive to discharge their respective mandates with a clear division of labour and in coordination. Likewise, Member States have the primary responsibility for protecting women's rights. In efforts to protect women's rights and strengthen their role in peace and security, the ownership of national Governments must be valued. The international community should also provide assistance to countries in need, while focusing on capacity-building.

Achieving women's development is the true foundation for realizing women's empowerment. At present, international development support and technical assistance is inadequate to meet the needs of women, especially in developing countries. It is in that regard that we call upon the international community to improve its support for issues of women and development. Capacity-building support to the countries concerned, as well as supporting women's and civil society organizations that play roles in conflict prevention, peacebuilding and national reconciliation, is crucial.

Advancing the participation of women in peace processes and in public life needs to be supported by strategic partnerships with national parliamentarians and with community and religious leaders. Such a partnership has worked for Tanzania, and we are committed to ensuring that women are represented at all decision-making levels and that their rights are protected and their security genuinely guaranteed. We believe that where women are fully represented, societies become more peaceful and stable. We also believe that where gender-based violence is eliminated and women are involved in conflict resolution, peace is more entrenched and sustainable.

Today Tanzania reaffirms its commitment to do the following. It will fully domesticate all women's rights treaties. It will develop a stand-alone act on violence against women. It will promote and support financing for the sustainable implementation of national and local authority plans to end violence against women and children and ensure harmonized protection at all levels. It will ensure that the principle of 50-50 representation of women and men — gender equality — in all key decision-making positions is achieved. It will continue its dedication to the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000).