

Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security October 2014, Security Council Chamber

Opening and Closing Statements by Mrs. Perceval, President of the Security Council (October)

Opening

In accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the representatives of Afghanistan, Algeria, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe to participate in this meeting.

In accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the following briefers to participate in this meeting: Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; Mr. Edmond Mulet, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; Mr. Chaloka Beyani, Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons; and Ms. Suaad Allami, of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.

In accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the following to participate in this meeting: Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations; Ms. Marriët Schuurman, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of NATO for Women, Peace and Security; and Ms. Miroslava Beham, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

I wish to draw the attention of Council members to document S/2014/693, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on women and peace and security. I wish to also draw the attention of Council members to document S/2014/731, which contains a letter dated 10 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a concept paper on the item under consideration.

Closing

There are no more names inscribed on the list of speakers.

I would like to thank everyone present for having participated in this debate on women and peace and security. I would like to mention that this issue does not always attract great numbers. However, it is excellent that the debate this year has seen the greatest number of participants among Member

States. Indeed, 72 speakers have come together in what has proved a respectful and diverse debate in promoting the protection of the rights of women.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.