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Mr. President,

Let me begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to the delegation of Uganda for organizing this open debate. The 10th anniversary of Resolution 1325 (2000) provides us with an opportunity to further reaffirm the indispensable role of women in conflict prevention, resolution and peace building.

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by Namibia on behalf of SADC Member States and by Canada on behalf of the Friends of Women, Peace and Security.

We thank the Secretary General for his report provided in document S/2010/498. The set of indicators attached to the report provide a good and objective basis for monitoring SCR 1325. It is our hope that the Council will endorse these indicators.

Mr. President,

As an equal component of any society, women should have equal and active participation in formulating political, economic and social policies. Equally, as victims of exclusion, as vulnerable targets in conflicts, as mothers and breadwinners, women have high stakes in conflict prevention and resolution, and in all issues related to peace and security.

Yet, in the name of tradition, culture or even security, women have continued to be excluded and too often they have been set aside while men brokered peace agreements. We are encouraged, therefore, that more and more women are challenging this viewpoint and are increasingly demanding involvement as stakeholders in their communities. Their potential as peace builders must now be harnessed.

We have to apply concerted efforts to support and strengthen the capacities of women and their networks to actively participate in all processes of conflict prevention and management, as well as peace building and peace consolidation. In this regard, we commend the efforts that have been undertaken by various stakeholders, in particular the United Nations System, the civil society and various national political leaders, in promoting the participation of women in peace building and peace consolidation processes.

Mr. President,

The adoption of SCR 1325 was an important milestone in empowering women in the critical areas of peace and security where women have often been deliberate targets and silent victims of violent conflicts. The effective implementation of Resolution 1325 is therefore a necessity. In this regard we wish to emphasize the following:

1. There is a need to create more awareness and to provide technical support for the implementation of SCR1325, and subsequent resolutions i.e. SCR1820, SCR1888 and SCR1889 specifically in the National Gender Machineries, Foreign Affairs Ministries, Judiciary, and the Army.
2. Women participation in peace processes and post conflict planning should be routine, predictable and mandatory. Such participation must now be the norm, not tokenism.
3. Women's political and economic empowerment and the promotion and protection of women and girls' rights are critical for promoting women's participation in conflict prevention, post-conflict activities and gender mainstreaming in post-conflict strategies. More funds should be provided in this regard, including in ensuring women have access to education, to capacity building in entrepreneurship and to economic opportunity.
4. The support given to post conflict countries should include the reform of the justice system and the security sector to ensure that there is a credible and supportive environment for women's participation and protection.
5. Impunity for all those who abuse women and girls and violate their human rights as well as those who commission them must cease now. These persons must be speedily brought to justice.
6. We must all support UN-women, which is rightly placed to coordinate the various actors within the UN system and bring coherence in the implementation of resolution 1325.

Mr. President,

Allow me to conclude by encouraging the Security Council to continue to be seized in this matter.

I Thank You.