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## **Statement**

by

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Mr. President,

Germany associates herself to the statement by the presidency of the European Union and would like to add the following remarks:

Justice, classically "iustitia", is represented as a female goddess. In armed conflicts, however, crimes committed against women are the ones most likely to go unpunished. This is why we cannot overestimate the historic significance of the explicit inclusion of gender-related crimes and crimes of sexual violence in the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Mr. President,

Germany, as a member of the group of friends of resolution 1325 (2000), welcomes the fact that UN peace missions are now regularly mandated with a reference to SCR 1325. Questions related to SCR 1325 have increasingly been discussed both in open and in closed meetings of the Security Council. During our term on the Security Council 2003/2004 we actively worked towards this goal. Whether in the context of approving peace-keeping mandates or of reviewing the impact of sanctions, gender implications must continue to be an integral part of the analysis and decisions of the Council. In this context we would encourage, that the SC includes a strong gender perspective in the upcoming mandate for the UN-mission to the Great Lakes.

Mr. President,

Five years after the adoption of SC-Res. 1325 we still struggle with the problem of sexual exploitation, abuse and the solicitation of prostitutes in peacekeeping operations. We strongly welcome DPKOs "zero tolerance policy" to fight these shameful acts. Germany actively supports the work of the Ambassador of Jordan and fully shares his concern that the issue of sexual exploitation must not disappear from our agenda and must be vigorously persecuted.

