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**AT THE
OPEN DEBATE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
ON
WOMEN AND PEACE AND SECURITY**

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Mr. President,

I would like to thank you, Mr. Minister, for presiding over this very important open debate of the Security Council on the question of women and peace and security. It is true that issues concerning women are dealt with in different fora, especially in the fields of development and human rights. We believe that this open debate of the Security Council will also enable us to exchange views on the situation of women in armed conflicts, which is within the mandate of the Security Council. I fully endorse the thrust of Mr. Kofi Annan's opening statement. I would also take the opportunity to welcome the statements of Ms. Angela King and Mrs. Noeleen Keyzer for reminding us how far we have yet to go in addressing the perils faced by women during war, and periods of a so-called peace.

UNIFEM and other UN agencies like UNICEF and UNHCR must be commended for their direct support for women in conflict situations and for their work in bringing women's voices to national, regional, and international decision-making arenas. UNIFEM's role in facilitating the All-party Conference in Arusha and putting forward Burundian women's recommendations to the final peace agreement highlights their innovative and unique role.

We believe that that a full scale assessment of the impact of armed conflict on women and of women's role in peace-building is long overdue. We hope the Council will recommend this follow-up to today's debate. We have full confidence in UNIFEM's ability to support this process, drawing on other UN funds and programmes and the important work of civil society.