

Ms. Bogyay (Hungary):

I have learned from a fantastic woman in Northern Ireland, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Betty Williams, that peace is action, not words. That is what she said, and that is how she worked. Hungary supports the concept of the year of peace and is ready to act for peace.

I wish to thank Sweden for convening this important open debate, and I thank the Secretary-General for his inspiring introductory remarks.

Hungary aligns itself with the statement to be delivered by the observer of the European Union (EU). Speaking in my national capacity, I would now like to add a few thoughts,

For a long time now, we have been arguing that there is a need for a sharper focus on prevention across all stages of conflict. In that connection, last year Hungary offered a voluntary contribution to support the work of the Department of Political Affairs in preventive diplomacy and mediation. Given that United Nations police can contribute across the entire spectrum of peace and security, we decided to deploy police experts to two African missions, and we seek further opportunities to boost our police presence in other United Nations peace operations.

We believe that women's participation in United Nations peace and security efforts, including post-conflict governance and peacekeeping, is very important. Hungary has intensified its efforts to identify, nominate and deploy female military experts and police officers to United Nations peacekeeping and EU Common Security and Defence Policy missions. In the coming months, female Hungarian officers will be deployed to the African Union-United Nations

Hybrid Operation in Darfur and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic, and they will serve as good examples for their compatriots.

Hungary has shown firm and long-standing dedication to contributing to the elaboration and realization of the universal and ambitious road map of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Our ultimate goal should be to ensure everyone peaceful and secure living conditions in their homelands, but that can be achieved only by tackling the root causes. As part of our prevention efforts we must deal with transnational risks such as violent extremism, climate change, water scarcity and modern slavery. In that context, Hungary just increased its voluntary contribution to the UN- Women project that focuses on violent extremism. We recently hosted the Budapest Water Summit 2016 to give momentum to the implementation of the water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and we will continue to work towards achieving the various SDG targets aimed at eradicating modern slavery, human trafficking and forced and child labour. We

encourage the Secretary-General to strengthen the United Nations response by adopting specific measures to improve international coordination in that area.

As a new member of the Human Rights Council for the term 2017-2019, one of our priorities will be to work towards the prevention of atrocity crimes and to promote already existing tools available to the international community that can contribute to an effective and timely response.

We believe that the prevention role of the United Nations should be strengthened. We would like to invite all Member States to join the code of conduct developed by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group and already signed by 112 Member States, and, by doing so, to pledge to support timely and decisive action by the Council aimed at preventing or ending the commission of atrocity crimes.

Hungary will support the leadership efforts of the Secretary-General aimed at creating a strong, efficient, responsible and credible United Nations that is able to tackle the challenges of the twenty-first century. We are ready to contribute to the work of this noble Organization with our best efforts.

The full version of my statement will be circulated.