

The President (spoke in Russian):

In accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the representatives Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Ethiopia, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam 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; and Ms. Rita Lopidia, Executive Director and co-founder of the EVE Organization for Women Development, South Sudan, on behalf of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security.

In accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I also invite the following to participate in this meeting: Ms. Mara Marinaki, Principal Adviser on Gender of the European External Action Service of the European Union; Ms. Mariët Schuurman, NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security; Mr. Paul Bekkers, Director of the Office of

2/90 16-34131 the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; and Mrs. Louise Sharene Bailey, Chargé d'Affaires of the Permanent Observer Mission of the African Union to the United Nations.

I propose that the Council invite the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

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/2016/822, 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/2016/871, which contains the text of a letter dated 14 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a concept paper on the item under consideration.

