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## **SECURITY COUNCIL**

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Statement by Ambassador César Mayoral,  
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Mr. President,

Argentina would like to express its gratitude for the organization of this general debate on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of Resolution 1325. My country had the honor to participate in the elaboration of this Resolution, since it was a Member of the Council at that time.

I would like to thank Mr. Guehenno for his presentation about the progress made in the implementation of Resolution 1325, as well as Mrs. Arbour, Mrs. Rwankuba and Mrs. Obaid for the different strategies for the prevention of and answers to situations of gender based violence that arise from conflicts.

Mr. President,

The Argentine Delegation has maintained and will keep maintaining that it is imperative that international humanitarian rights and human rights be completely respected.

War crimes against women and girls which are so acknowledged by the International Criminal Court in accordance with the Rome Statute must not go unpunished.

We would like to take this opportunity to urge parties in armed conflicts to adopt special measures to protect women and girls from gender based violence arising from conflict situations, especially from sexual violations and other sexual abuses.

The Argentine Government would like to express its support for the implementation of a system aimed at the prevention of sexual violence, the exploitation and trafficking in women and girls within the civil population as well as the military, including appropriate mechanisms to reporting that would protect the identity of the informer and control mechanisms in charge of the personnel of the peacekeeping operations.

The existence of a gender component in all operations in the field, on the other hand, seems to us a requirement that the reality of the facts imposes with more and more strength.

Mr. President,

When a particular conflict strikes women, it gravely threatens the future of new generations, undermines the bases on which the security of families should lie upon and the systems of social protection and it produces the worst case scenario for the moral, political and socio-economic survival of that particular community.

We energetically condemn the manipulation of any conflict situation by the winning powers to deny women and children their fundamental human rights. Therefore we support and will keep supporting all initiatives of the Council to address the particular necessities of women affected by armed conflicts.

Mr. President,

The international community must understand that there is an important role that women can and must fulfill in conflict prevention and solution and in the consolidation of peace.

If the armed conflicts affect women in a particular and disproportionate way, it can be safely concluded that women who have their own opinion must be listened to where discussions go on about which are the best mechanisms to avoid or resolve conflicts or to organize the future of the communities which have been affected by them.

As we have been doing in other areas of the Organization, we urge the Secretary General to designate more women as Representatives and Special Envoys and spokespersons for him at good will missions related to peace and preventive diplomacy.

At the same time we call upon Member States to take duly into consideration the perspective of gender at the time of designations at the national, regional and international levels.

We support the participation of women at the negotiating tables of peace agreements, in all mechanisms of application of these agreements and in the reconstruction processes after the conflicts. We urge, in order to achieve this objective, the elimination of archaic and stereotyping visions of the role of women.

Mr. President,

Today, four years after the adoption of Resolution 1325, Argentina acknowledges the important efforts that have been realized by Member States, the entities of the United Nations system and civil society in order to incorporate a new perspective of gender in the policies and programs, to create specific capacities, to promote the complete participation on the basis of equality of women in the maintenance and promotion of peace. This task has been important and we would like to express our acknowledgement at this time.

However, the situations of violence that women have to endure in the field, makes it evident that in spite of the progress already made, much remains to be done.

Argentina, two months before entering the Security Council once again, draws the attention to the full validity of the statements made in 2000 and maintains that only a clear commitment, a defined and constant political will, a real conviction of Member States that the participation of women is a key element to reach a lasting peace and concerted multilateral action will be able to guarantee the implementation of Resolution 1325 at the work of the Security Council.

My country supports the recommendations formulated by the Secretary General in his report, especially the intention to develop a strategy and a global action plan to implement Resolution 1325 through the United Nations system, by establishing a systematic evaluation mechanism and the presentation of reports.

We are convinced that these recommendations as well as the ideas expressed by Member States in this debate and the important contributions of civil society will be a great asset at the time of designing the plan of action.

Mr. President,

We are ready to unite our efforts so that women of the whole world may enjoy their rights and liberties on the basis of equality with men and so that impunity may end in the cases of gender based violence.

If we protect women, we protect the future. If we respect women and take them in consideration, we will be building peace.

Thank you very much.