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Mr. President,

I am very pleased to represent the Government of the Republic of Hungary at this meeting and commemorate with all of you the 10th anniversary of this groundbreaking resolution. The adoption by consensus of Security Council Resolution 1325 ten years ago was an important step to advance gender equality through incorporating the gender perspective into peacekeeping operations and promotion of the participation of women at decision-making levels for the prevention, management, and resolution of armed conflicts.

We are convinced that women's participation in the maintenance of peace and security is in itself a basic human right. In this context, we welcome that this issue has achieved a prominent place on the international agenda. We believe that the involvement of women into the peace negotiations and conflict mediation should be supported. Furthermore, let us remember that peace negotiations and post conflict reconstruction are not only about achieving the end of hostilities, but the beginning of a new future.

Beyond that, we have to recognize that violence against women, including sexual and gender-based violence poses real threat to global security and it also creates serious challenge to the full and active participation of women in peace processes. We believe that systematic sexual violence, used as a tactic of war by deliberately targeting civilians, in particular women and girls, significantly aggravates the situation during an armed conflict.

Taking this opportunity I would like to confirm that the Government of the Republic of Hungary is strongly committed to implement Resolution 1325. We stand firmly behind endeavors aimed at mainstreaming gender issues in the strategies, policies, programs and actions and promoting participation of women in decision-making and peace processes.

It is a pleasure for me to inform you that we are finalizing an action plan concerning the national strategy on the implementation of the above-mentioned UN resolution.

As incoming EU Presidency in the first semester of 2011 Hungary considers to maintain the current momentum through organizing a conference as a follow up to the series of events marking the 10th anniversary of the UN Security Resolution 1325.

I strongly believe that the enhanced cooperation in the field of women, peace and security, and the joint commitment to foster the implementation of this agenda shall ensure that women fully enjoy their fundamental rights which are basic components of lasting peace and security.

Thank you Mr. President.