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Mr. President,

My delegation appreciates the Secretary-General's efforts to establish a system-wide action plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325, as set out in his report (S/2005/636) on women and peace and security. Not only does the report ensure better coordination and more efficient support to Member States and other actors in national and regional level implementation of the resolution, it also strengthens the commitment and accountability of the United Nations at the highest levels.

As underlined by the 2005 World Summit Outcome, Indonesia shares the importance of integrating a gender perspective and ensuring the opportunity for women equal participation and full involvement in all efforts to maintain and promote peace and security, as well as the need to increase their role in decision-making at all levels. In Indonesia, the entry into force of Law no. 12 of 2003 on General Election provides solid foundation for women participation in decision-making process in which there must be at least 30 percent of women contesting national and regional parliamentary elections. On the other hand, the Law has also promulgated an awareness of and for gender equality in power and decision making positions.

As one of troop contributors to the United Nations, Indonesia is of the view that training, gender sensitization and capacity-building for uniformed personnel and civilian police are essential to the effective United Nations peace-making, peace-building and peace-keeping missions. On its part, Law no. 3 of 2002 reaffirmed the new paradigm of the Indonesian army with full perspectives of democracy, human rights and environment-conscious. These principles have been taught even in the basic curricula of military training and schools.

Mr. President,

Along with the 12 areas of action, Indonesia strongly believes that gender mainstreaming is a critical factor to guarantee effective implementation of the Action Plan. My delegation therefore fully shares the need to strengthen commitment of senior and top managers to institutionalize gender mainstreaming by means of developing effective monitoring, reporting and accountability mechanisms. In this connection, my delegation welcomes the efforts of the UN specialized agencies who have put in place improved accountability measures to ensure that senior management and staff at all levels undertake efforts to achieve gender mainstreaming in their work.

There should be increased efforts in addressing serious continuing challenges including overlapping activities, underdeveloped monitoring, reporting and accountability mechanisms, inadequate utilization of gender specialists, and insufficient capacity for gender analysis. It is my delegation's fervent hope that, the Action Plan can be used as a tool for better coordination and building on synergies of the United Nations system, so that such challenges are properly being addressed.

Mr. President,

Indonesia shares the Secretary-General's recommendation to enhance inter-agency cooperation in the field, including through United Nations country teams, gender theme groups and gender advisers and units and improve cooperation with national Governments, women's national machineries for the advancement of women and promotion of gender equality, and civil society. However, efforts should also be focused on capacity-building of national machinery particularly in the area of raising awareness on gender mainstreaming and equality through trainings, advocacies and socialization, targeting various executive and legislative authorities.

To conclude, Mr. President, Indonesia is the view that by putting the time-line in the Action Plan is essential not only for the improvement of accuracy and coordination among concerned UN agencies, but also for the enhancement of accountability. It is Indonesia's keen hope that beyond 2007, significant progress toward effective implementation of the resolution 1325 will be achieved and women live more secure and productive lives and are able to fully enjoy their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

I thank you.