

**Security Council Open Debate on Sexual Violence in Council, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2013, Security Council Chamber**

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At the outset, I would like to thank the Rwandan presidency of the Security Council for organizing this timely and important debate.

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the report of the Secretary-General (S/2012/732), which contains a comprehensive analysis of the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000) and the progress achieved over the past year. My delegation also welcomes his report on sexual violence in conflict (S/2013/149) and supports the recommendations contained therein. However, we believe that current situations in the Middle East and in some countries in the African region require further consolidated efforts by Member States and by global and regional security structures.

Kyrgyzstan believes it is necessary to take additional measures to effectively address impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict and to ensure the equal participation of women in mediation, humanitarian assistance and post-conflict recovery processes.

We support the recommendation of the Secretary-General on increased attention to women's empowerment in terms of developing policies and strategies with regard to peacebuilding and in considering the renewal of the mandates of United Nations peacekeeping missions.

Kyrgyzstan welcomes the efforts of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in preventing violence against women in armed conflict. In that respect, important measures aim to strengthen the operational capacity of the United Nations, including through the United Nations International Network of Female Police Peacekeepers, established for those taking part in peacekeeping operations.

Kyrgyzstan appreciates the efforts of UN-Women to ensure gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system. We underline the importance of the outcome of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in March, which considered in detail the problems of preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against women.

In the current difficult circumstances, my delegation continues to call on UN-Women to strengthen cooperation with other agencies in providing support to Member States in the preparation and implementation of national plans to implement Security Council resolutions on preventing violence against women and enhancing their role in ensuring peace and security.

Kyrgyzstan attaches the greatest importance to the participation of women in political and peacebuilding processes and takes concrete measures to maintain peace and stability in our country and in the region as a whole.

In order to effectively implement the provisions of resolution 1325 (2000), on 18 February, the Government approved its national plan of action. The plan provides for a set of measures aimed at establishing an institutional system on the protection of women's rights and creating favourable conditions for increasing women's role and participation in efforts towards peace, security and conflict prevention.

In addition, on 10 April, the President of the Kyrgyz Republic approved a concept on strengthening the unity of the people and inter-ethnic relations in the Kyrgyz Republic, which will undoubtedly contribute to strengthening peace, stability and post-conflict reconstruction.

The role of the Peacebuilding Fund is of great importance. The Fund has supported Kyrgyzstan in its implementation of national reconciliation and post- conflict reconstruction projects. Today, projects aimed at completing that process are being planned.

We would also like to note the activities of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and United Nations agencies, in promoting conflict prevention initiatives and strengthened inter-ethnic harmony.

In conclusion, I would like to reaffirm Kyrgyzstan's commitment to further contribute to United Nations efforts in ensuring women's rights and eradicating conflict-related violence.