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Mr. President,

It is my honor to deliver this statement on behalf of **Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland** and my own country, **Liechtenstein**. We welcome this possibility to discuss the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 and its follow-up resolutions, notably also Resolution 2242 adopted last year in the wake of the High Level Review.

We would like to use this opportunity to thank Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon for his unwavering support of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda during his time in office. We are looking forward to work with his successor, Mr. António Guterres, in order to strengthen the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. We would also like to commend the Security Council for the creation of the informal expert group on Women, Peace and Security, thereby implementing one important aspect of Resolution 2242. We hope that the Council will keep the wider membership informed of the work of the expert group and that its work will also lead to a stronger presence of Women, Peace and Security debates and resolutions on conflict situations before the Council.

Mr. President,

As we can see from its name, peace is at the center of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. It is not just about making conflict safer for women or including women in post-conflict reconstruction, but most importantly about **empowering women in order to prevent conflicts**. The need for the UN to become more effective in conflict prevention was one of the main outcomes of the three high-level reviews of last year and is one of the most important aspects of the Global Study on the implementation of Resolution 1325. We hence call on the Security Council, the UN and its Member States to place greater emphasis on gender-sensitive conflict prevention and early warning; in this context we see the Secretary-Generals **Human Rights Up Front initiative** as an important tool to do so. We also see a strong need for the UN to become more effective in the implementation of Resolution 1325 with regards to Peacekeeping Missions and therefore we do support the call for proper resources for the DPKO/DFS Gender Advisors.

When we look at positive examples of the inclusion of women in peace processes, such as for instance in Colombia, we clearly see that it is indispensable to empower women as **agents of peace**. We have data that shows that women's participation increases the probability of a peace agreement lasting at least two years by 20 percent, and by 35 percent of it lasting 15 years. In order to make this possible, we need to eliminate barriers for their **participation** in peace-related activities. We also need to ensure that women are fully included during the formulation and implementation of early warning systems and peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts at all levels.

The massive displacement of people in the different conflict areas in the past year have once more shown that once conflicts arise, women and children are among the first victims to suffer, not only in the conflict zone but also when fleeing it. Hence we also need to further strengthen the fight against **human trafficking**. For this reason we will jointly organize a side event together with UNODC on Countering Human Trafficking and Achieving the Universal Ratification

of then Palermo Protocol on Thursday, 27 October at 11:15am in CR9. We call on all States that have not yet done so to ratify and effectively implement the Palermo Protocol.

Mr. President,

Let me conclude by once more emphasizing our full commitment to the implementation of resolution 1325 and all follow-up resolutions. We continue to be committed to the pledges we issued last year during the 15th anniversary of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda and we hope that the impressive amount of pledges issued by other States will also be implemented in due time.

I thank you.