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devoted to the 18-year Anniversary of the Adoption of UNSCR 1325
(Vienna, 31 October 2018)**

Madame Chairperson,

I would like to join previous speakers in thanking you for organizing this important meeting devoted to the 18th Anniversary of the Adoption of UNSCR 1325 and in thanking today's distinguished panelists for their interesting presentations.

Poland aligns itself with the statement of the European Union, but let me inform you, in my national capacity, that Poland adopted on 22nd October its first National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. This shows our comprehensive commitment to implement the UN Security Council Resolutions on WPS.

Polish NAP was drawn up jointly by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of National Defense, the Ministry of the Interior and Administration and the Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment. The project was also submitted for public consultations, which involved non-governmental organizations promoting the role of women in the security sector.

The Plan sets four main outcomes for the years 2018-2021: I. Meaningful participation of women in conflict prevention and peacekeeping; II. Implementation of the women, peace and security agenda through the Polish humanitarian and development aid; III. Protection and support of the victims of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence; IV. Promotion and development of the WPS agenda in Poland and in the framework of international cooperation.

The outcomes of the Plan will be implemented throughout 18 areas of activities, including: participation of women in missions and operations abroad and in mediations; women in uniformed services and in the foreign service; implementation of equal treatment policies; activities of the EU, UN, NATO and OSCE missions; protection and support of the victims of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence; UN Sustainable Development Goals in relation to the WPS agenda; science and higher education and various trainings related to the WPS agenda.

English translation of the National Action Plan will be available shortly.

I thank you