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EU Statement on UNSC Resolution 1325 implementation

The European Union and its Member States warmly welcome Mrs. Karin Nordmeyer and Ambassador Miroslava Beham to the FSC and thank them for the interesting and comprehensive presentations. This exchange of views illustrates once again the unique cross-dimensionality of the Women, Peace and Security-agenda and gender perspectives as a crucial component of security. We are convinced that security dialogues of this kind are needed in order to improve the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in the OSCE area.

We therefore welcome continued discussion among participating States in line with relevant OSCE commitments undertaken by all participating States, inter alia, in Vilnius, Kyiv and Basel. In our view, one of the focus areas for this continued interest is the voluntary reporting on the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 as part of the information exchange on the Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

As all EU Member States have voluntarily committed to such an enhanced reporting we call on participating States to consider acceptance and concrete implementation of this initiative. However, we would like to reiterate that it would be beneficial to discuss the information that has already been provided with a view of lessons learned and possible good practices for the national implementation of Resolution 1325.

We welcome the recent OSCE Study on National Action Plans on the implementation of the UNSCR 1325. Its analysis and recommendations provide a useful tool for the OSCE to consider further possibilities and action for implementing UNSCR 1325. One of the areas where the goals and principles of UNSCR 1325 should be firmly

anchored is OSCE-led mediation efforts. We are looking forward to an exchange of views on how the OSCE could improve its activities in this regard.

We are pleased that the FSC was able to agree upon the importance of including Women, Peace and Security in the MC decision 10/14 on SALW and SCA adopted in Basel and stand ready to actively contribute to its full implementation. At the same time, we encourage all participating States to consider further steps to take into account gender aspects in the implementation of all politico-military commitments.

The European Union is committed to the full implementation of UNSCR 1325. We have adopted a Comprehensive Approach to the EU implementation of UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 in 2008, as well as a set of indicators to monitor progress of implementation in 2010. Actions have already been undertaken by the EU to promote women's equal and full participation in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction. The EU also supports the inclusion of gender experts in mediation efforts. In 2015 we will refresh the EU indicators to improve their effectiveness and we will proceed to our third reporting cycle. We would be ready therefore to share relevant experience, in particular on the concrete implementation follow up tools that have been adopted by the EU Council during the last years.

We are convinced that UNSCR 1325 with its cross dimensional nature has an important role to play in all dimensions of the OSCE work – especially in the politico-military dimension - and needs to be implemented in a holistic and comprehensive manner. As a regional security organisation the OSCE has a major part to play in this regard. In particular, we would like to express our support for the upcoming OSCE-UN regional consultation in Vilnius to discuss the progress of UNSCR 1325 implementation in the OSCE area.

Furthermore, we wish to reiterate our support to the development of an OSCE-Wide Action Plan on UNSCR 1325. We also look forward to meaningful discussions on an Addendum to the Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality, as tasked by the Basel Ministerial Council. Additionally, we underline the importance of implementation of the Ministerial Council Decision on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women, and other OSCE commitments on these issues.

Finally, we would like to thank once again our quest speakers. We look forward to next discussions on issues related to Women, Peace and Security in the FSC.

The candidate countries the FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA*, MONTENEGRO, ICELAND** and ALBANIA, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, and the EFTA countries LIECHTENSTEIN and NORWAY, members of the European Economic Area, as well as UKRAINE, the REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, GEORGIA, ANDORRA and MONACO align themselves with this statement.

* The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Albania continue to be part of the Stabilisation and Association Process.

** Iceland continues to be a member of EFTA and the European Economic Area.