



STATEMENT
By the delegation of Georgia at the 897th (Special) Meeting of the Forum for Security
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Madame Chairperson,

At the outset, I would like to express my gratitude to you for convening today's meeting. Herewith, I would like to join colleagues and thank the distinguished speakers for their interesting presentations.

Georgia aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union. Let me add few remarks in my national capacity.

We believe that regional organizations, such as the OSCE, have an important role in implementations of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and subsequent Resolutions, as they offer a valuable platform for sharing best practices and proposing solutions to the existing challenges.

While gender parity in peace and security dimension globally is yet to be achieved, we welcome participating states' every effort to increase women's participation in areas pertaining to international peace and security.

Herewith, I would like to share Georgia's steps to this end.

Based on the key findings, recommendations and consultations with civil society, the Government of Georgia has already adopted its 3rd National Action Plan (NAP) for the Implementation of the Resolution 1325, covering the period 2018 through 2020.

Apart from delivering on global Women, Peace and Security agenda, the plan is also aimed at protecting the rights of conflict-affected women through ensuring their physical, social, economic and political security, elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, and supporting their participation in decision-making.

Particular emphasis is given to a gender lenses in peace negotiations and promotion of meaningful participation of women and girls in conflict prevention. The 2018-2020 NAP is harmonized with the Action Plan of the Government of Georgia on the Protection of Human Rights and aligned with the relevant objectives, targets and indicators of the nationalized Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Within the frames of our commitments under UNSC resolution 1325, we continue to promote conflict-affected women in Georgia as a driving force of public diplomacy. As a result, today over 65% of those involved in the peace process in Georgia are women. Furthermore, the Government of Georgia facilitates increased role of women in reconciliation and confidence building projects, carried out with the support of the local as well as international organizations.

Yet, despite these efforts to empower conflict affected women, the ongoing occupation of Georgia's Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions by the Russian Federation, hinders the peace process and imposes severe conditions on one of the most vulnerable part of our society.

Madame Chairperson,

In conclusion, I would like to re-confirm Georgia's commitment to integrating gender perspectives in decision-making, protecting the rights of women, and promoting their meaningful participation in conflict prevention and peace building in line with the UNSC resolution 1325 and its subsequent Resolutions.

I thank you.