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Distinguished Co-Chairs,

Excellencies,

At the outset, allow me to express our gratitude to the FSC Chairpersonship of Spain and the OSCE Chairpersonship of Finland for organizing this important Security Dialogue dedicated to the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda. We also extend our sincere appreciation to today’s speakers for their insightful presentations and valuable contributions.

Ukraine has always strongly supported the OSCE’s efforts to promote the full and effective implementation of the WPS Agenda, and we welcome our regular discussions on this crucial issue.

Today, as Ukraine continues its resolute defence of sovereignty and security, the relevance of the WPS Agenda has never been greater. Multiple credible reports, including those produced under the OSCE Moscow Mechanism, provide undeniable evidence that Russia’s full-scale war against Ukraine has disproportionately affected women and girls. They face increased risks of conflict-related sexual violence, displacement, economic hardship, and other grave human rights violations.

At the same time, Ukrainian women play an indispensable role in national defence, humanitarian response, and peacebuilding. Ensuring their full participation and protection is not only a moral imperative but a strategic necessity for sustainable security and resilience.

Distinguished colleagues,

Ukraine's resistance against aggression is not merely a military effort—it is a nationwide struggle in which women play a vital role. Today, over 70,000 Ukrainian women serve in the Armed Forces, marking a 20% increase since 2022, the year Moscow launched its full-scale invasion. More than 5,500 of them are deployed on the front lines, leading drone operations, providing life-saving medical aid under fire, and commanding military units. Their contributions challenge outdated gender stereotypes and reaffirm that security is a shared responsibility.

Beyond the battlefield, Ukrainian women are at the forefront of humanitarian aid, recovery, and post-war planning. Women-led civil society organizations provide essential support, from delivering aid to conflict-affected regions to advocating for the rights of internally displaced persons. Their work is instrumental in shaping a post-war Ukraine that is inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking.

Recognizing this critical role, the Government of Ukraine systematically integrates gender-responsive approaches into decision-making, ensuring that state policies address the diverse needs of all citizens.

Strengthening gender-responsive security policies is essential to ensuring that women's participation in national defence is not just encouraged but institutionalized. Ukraine has adopted and continues to implement a series of strategic documents aimed at advancing gender equality, including: the *State Strategy for Ensuring Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men until 2030*, and the *National Action Plan for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325*, which enhances women's participation in security and recovery efforts.

In addition, Ukraine is actively promoting the *Platform for Gender Mainstreaming and Inclusive Recovery* and the *Alliance for Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Recovery*. The Alliance, which now includes over 65 signatories—states, international institutions, and private companies—is designed to ensure that women play a meaningful role in decision-making on recovery and reconstruction and that gender equality remains a core priority in all recovery efforts.

Excellencies,

The war against Ukraine is not only a test of military resilience but also a test of our collective commitment to human rights, justice, and equality. The full and effective implementation of the WPS Agenda amid this crisis is not optional—it is a necessity for a just and lasting peace.

Thank you.