



**Statement of Minister Plenipotentiary Mr. Guðni Bragason, Permanent Representative of Iceland regarding Security Dialogue on the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 at the 917th Meeting of the Forum for Security Co-operation, Vienna, 5 June 2019.**

Mr Chairman.

Almost 20 years ago the UN Security Council first recognized the special position of women in armed conflict with resolution nr. 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.

When organizations and states engage in conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation this landmark resolution and the follow-up ones are of importance. The OSCE is no exception in this respect. Effective implementation of resolution 1325 would strengthen the comprehensive security role of the OSCE. The provisions of the resolutions should be well integrated into OSCE-structures and field missions. We support an OSCE-wide action plan on Women, Peace and Security.

A considerable responsibility rests on the shoulders of the participating States which have been given the tool of National Action Plans (NAP) on the implementation of UNSCR 1325.

Now only 79 UN member states, or 40% of all UN member states, have adopted National Action Plans. This includes 32 OSCE participating States, or 56% of states represented around this table.

Allow me to use this opportunity to encourage those participating States who have yet to adopt their first NAP, to do so at their earliest convenience.

In November 2018 Iceland published its third NAP on Women, Peace, and Security. Drafting this this third generation NAP involved the Academia, Ministries, the Civil Society and relevant stakeholders. The new NAP places

greater emphasis on broader coordination between and education of key actors in the domestic implementation of the plan. This includes activities regarding women in vulnerable positions, trafficking in human beings, women refugees and asylum seekers, as well as activities related to sexual and gender-based violence.

Iceland remains a firm supporter of UNSCR 1325 and the values it represents. Sustainable peace can only be accomplished with the active inclusion and meaningful participation of those affected by conflict, irrespective of their gender. Women must have a seat at the table and their voices must be heard.

Mr Chairman.

We should use the up-coming 20eth anniversary of the resolution as an opportunity to assess what has been achieved and where we could do better in mainstreaming the UNSC resolution 1325 into the work of the OSCE.