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Press Release

Foreign Secretary participates in the UN Security Council debate

New York: Tuesday, 23 October 2007

Foreign Secretary Mr. Md. Touhid Hossain, who is in New York to attend the UN General Assembly, today took part in the open debate of the Security Council on the issue of 'women, peace and security'.

In his intervention the Foreign Secretary called upon the international community to ensure adequate representation of women at all levels of decision making in conflict prevention and through the process of peace building. He noted that women suffer most as victims of conflict situation.

The debate in the Security Council took place as a follow up on its resolution 1325 adopted in 2000. The resolution, inter alia, calls for protection of women and girls from gender based violence in situations of armed conflict. In this context, the Foreign Secretary underscored that as one of the largest troop contributing countries to the UN Peace Keeping Operations Bangladesh is conscious of her responsibilities to implement fully the essential elements of resolution 1325.

It may be mentioned that as a member of UN Security Council in 2000-2001, Bangladesh was closely associated with the adoption of the landmark resolution.
