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Mr. President,

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you again on assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for this month. I also wish to thank you for convening this open debate on the important issue of "Women, Peace and Security". I would also like to thank the UN Secretary-General for his remarks and Ms. Zainab Bangura, the Special Representative of the SG on Sexual Violence in Conflict for the valuable briefing on the issue.

Mr. President,

2. Malaysia is deeply concerned on the effect of sexual violence; the physical, psychological and emotional terror and trauma that it creates, on women and girls. We strongly condemn acts of sexual violence on women and girls, and underline also the need for deeper examination on the emerging incidence of sexual violence perpetrated against male victims, as well as the plight of children born as a result of rape and the practice of forced marriages by armed groups.

3. Without a doubt, ending impunity is critical in ending sexual violence, whether committed by individuals, groups or States. Nonetheless, Member States bear the primary legal and moral responsibility for the protection of their civilian populations. Malaysia thus, welcomes the continuous work of the United Nations and other stakeholders, as well as the Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict, which focuses its efforts on strengthening the capacity of national rule of law and justice actors. We feel that its engagement with relevant governments would strengthen the latter's capacity to effectively address sexual violence against women and girls.

4. In our effort to secure peace and security, we must move urgently to replace the prevailing culture of impunity with one of deterrence that promotes the need for the Rule of Law, justice and accountability. Malaysia views accountability as a duty of Member States under both domestic and international law. The national system in this regard, should be steered towards meeting international standards in ensuring accountability and justice, and that perpetrators of crimes of sexual violence would never go unpunished.

5. Additionally, we are pleased to note that there has been progress in the implementation of the monitoring, analysis and reporting arrangements, pursuant to Security Council resolution 1960 (2010), in which the information collected, aims to promote increased and timely action to prevent and respond to sexual violence in armed conflict and post-conflict situations.

Mr. President,

6. Malaysia believes that equal, full and active participation of women is key to peacekeeping and peacebuilding. My delegation is of the view that women should not just be seen as victims, but are central to all efforts to end this global phenomenon. Thus, it is crucial to bring women into peace processes and that they must be active participants in all efforts to combat the horrific phenomenon.

7. We consider the routine deployment of women protection advisers, as crucial in addressing sexual violence. At present, only eight women protection advisers have been deployed in the UN Mission in South Sudan, and thus, it is encouraging to learn that more are being recruited for the UN Missions in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire and the Central African Republic. Malaysia is supportive of appointing more women protection advisers, as the positive value they bring in creating greater awareness of sexual violence issues, reporting incidents of sexual violence, and implementing Security Council resolutions on the ground, cannot be overstated.

8. In this context, we welcome today's adoption of the resolution on the issue discussed. My delegation hopes that there would be sufficient impetus to the actual realization of the resolution, including the landmark resolution 1325 (2000), to increase women's participation in the field of peace and security. We should also seriously consider appointing women to more senior positions in UN Missions, lest we would be accused of ignoring experienced and potential women leaders in the security and defense sector.

Mr. President,

9. Malaysia reaffirms its strong commitment to the efforts in addressing sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations. We strongly believe that the subject of women, peace and security deserves the Security Council's sustained attention. In this regard, the Council can be assured of our continuous engagement and unrelenting support for the advancement of the issue in our pursuit of achieving peace and security, both at the national, regional and international levels.

I thank you, Mr. President.