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**AT THE OPEN DEBATE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
ON "WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY"**

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Madam President,

I wish to congratulate you on assuming the Presidency of the Security Council for this month. Malaysia welcomes your initiative in convening the open debate on the important issue of "Women, Peace and Security". I would like to thank the UN Secretary-General for his insightful remarks and his recent report (S/2014/181), Ms. Zainab Hawa Bangura, the Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Ms. Rhoda Misaka, Representative of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security for their valuable briefing on the issue. Malaysia also wishes to align itself with the statement delivered by Viet Nam on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Madam President,

2. One of the most discussed topics and most widespread violations of human rights is on violence against women. It is utterly deplorable that one in three women and girls experience violence in their lifetime. Violence against women, especially sexual violence, causes massive repercussions. The incidence of sexual violence in conflict in particular, often leaves grave consequences for the security of women and girls during peacetime.

3. Malaysia joins other Member States in strongly condemning sexual violence against women and girls, men and boys. My delegation remains concerned that sexual violence is almost universally underreported. We must reverse this trend. We need to urgently address the factors and underlying reasons for the continued acts of sexual violence committed against women and girls and the emerging incidence of sexual violence perpetrated against men and boys.

Madam President,

4. Ending impunity is crucial towards our quest to put an end to sexual violence in conflict. We must move urgently to replace the prevailing culture of impunity with one that promotes the Rule of Law, justice and accountability. We welcome the continuous work of the United Nations and other stakeholders, including 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 agree with the Secretary-General's recommendation and call on countries to draw upon the expertise of the Team of Experts on the Rule of Law and Sexual Violence in Conflict, as we believe that its engagement with relevant governments would strengthen the latter's institutional safeguards against impunity for conflict-related sexual violence.

5. Underlining the importance of ending sexual violence, Malaysia had joined many others in endorsing the 'Declaration of Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict', which makes clear the collective view on the need of greater action to address the issue. Malaysia also welcomes the recent adoption of the Agreed Conclusion of the 58<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which strongly condemns all forms of violence against women and girls. It is crucial that we now focus our collective efforts on converting these political commitments into concrete actions.

6. As a country firmly committed to eliminating and preventing all forms of violence against women and girls, Malaysia had co-hosted an event on "Due Diligence" at the sidelines of the 58<sup>th</sup> CSW in March. The side-event was aimed to provide a deeper understanding of the Due Diligence principle, which is an international legal principle that holds States accountable for acts of violence against women committed not only by the State or State actors, but also by non-State actors. This obligation is commonly understood to refer to the State's obligation to prevent, protect, prosecute, punish and provide redress for acts of violence against women, also known as the '5Ps'. The Due Diligence Framework offers a tool for translating existing norms and standards on ending violence against women into measurable, comparable and implementable components.

Madam President,

7. My delegation supports the zero tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse in all peacekeeping operations. We believe that it is fundamental towards ensuring the rights and dignity of women are safeguarded. Malaysia in this regard, welcomes the delivery of scenario-based training for peacekeepers in several training centers to improve their operational readiness to react swiftly to sexual violence. We commend the work of the United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict, in also rolling out a framework of early-warning indicators to help enhance prevention capabilities in mission settings.

8. My delegation believes that this issue requires continued vigilance by the Security Council. We are therefore pleased to note the progress made in the

implementation of the monitoring, analysis and reporting arrangements as mandated by Security Council resolution 1960 (2010), to promote increased and timely action to prevent and respond to sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations.

Madam President,

9. My delegation recognizes the role of senior women protection advisers in leading the efforts to implement the monitoring, analysis and reporting arrangements. We are pleased to learn that as of December 2013, senior women protection advisers had been deployed to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali. We look forward to the deployment of additional women protection advisers to UNMISS, UNOCI, BINUCA and UNAMID. We are appreciative of the positive values they bring in creating greater awareness of sexual violence issues, reporting incidents of sexual violence and implementing Security Council resolutions on the ground.

Madam President,

10. We have made strides in addressing sexual violence in conflict, but we can and must do more to put an end to this scourge. Malaysia thus reaffirms its strong commitment to the efforts in addressing sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations. We will continue to work with others in advancing the agenda and ensure the full mainstreaming of women in activities in pursuit of securing peace and security.

I thank you, Madam President.