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**AT THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITMENTS EVENT
ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY
PREPARING FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 1325
ECOSOC CHAMBER, UN HEADQUARTERS
23 APRIL 2018**

**His Excellency Mr. Heiko Maas, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Republic of Germany**

**His Excellency Lord Tariq Ahmad, Prime Minister's Special
Representative on Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict of the
United Kingdom**

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

At the outset, let me thank Germany and the United Kingdom for convening
this High-Level event.

2. At this opportunity, Malaysia wishes to express our profound condolences to the Government and the people of Sri Lanka over the recent terrorist attacks that had killed hundreds of innocent lives. Malaysia strongly condemns the attack and hopes that those responsible for the barbaric crime will be brought to justice. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and families affected.

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3. Malaysia is committed in elevating the roles and status of women, as well as in further contributing to the progress and promotion of women's enjoyment of their rights in political, economic and social fields. We support all efforts in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. including in the aspects of leadership, participation at the decision-making level and participation in the workforce.

4. Malaysia believes that this event provides an important avenue to generate momentum towards the full realisation of gender equality and women's empowerment, in alignment with the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and commitments to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, leading towards the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace and Security (WPS)) in October 2020.

5. In this aspiration, between April 2019 and October 2020 Malaysia pledges to undertake the following actions;

5.1 to continue participation of women of Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) in UN peacekeeping missions as troop members, military staff and military observers in providing protection to the victims of armed conflict without discrimination. Currently, 38 female peacekeepers with MALBATT are deployed in UNIFIL, Lebanon, one (1) of the rank of Captain in MONUSCO in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), one (1) of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to UNAMID in Sudan and two (2) of the rank of Major to MINURSO in Western Sahara;

5.2 to increase capacity building through the international gender and peacekeeping seminar and through organisation of courses in sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in preparing observers and troops for UN Peacekeeping Missions; and

5.3 to enhance experience and capabilities through the deployment of female troops and expertise such as medical personnel and logistician under the pretext of humanitarian assistant and disaster relief (HADR). Currently, Malaysia has deployed seven (7) female officers, three (3) female paramedics, eight (8) female nurses and four (4) female staffs to Malaysian Field Hospital in Cox Bazar, Bangladesh in rotation until August 2019.

6. Towards this end, Malaysia looks forward to international support and activities that could help in advancing the cause of women in our collective efforts to strengthen international peace and security.

Thank you.