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**OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UN-WOMEN**  
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Madam President,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate the President and other Bureau Members of the Executive Board of UN-Women on their elections. We are confident that the newly elected Bureau Members will be able to continue the work of UN-Women with successful outcomes. I would like to thank the previous President, His Excellency Mr. Normans Penke, Permanent Representative of Latvia, for his dedication and commitment in leading the work of UN-Women last year.

Madam President,

2. Allow me to take this opportunity, at the first regular session of 2014, to also thank the Under-Secretary-General/Executive-Director of UN-Women, Madame Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka for her remarks and the UN-Women's presentation on the thematic evaluation on the contribution of UN-Women to increasing women's leadership and participation in peace and security and humanitarian response. I would also like to commend her for her able leadership and continuous efforts in steering UN-Women, as well as that of her team in diligently carrying out the work of UN-Women.

Madam President,

3. My delegation has studied the report of the evaluation findings in the area of peace and security as well as on humanitarian response. Malaysia attaches great importance to the evaluation function of UN-Women, in tracking progress and building a results-based management culture contributing to more transparency, learning and accountability. As indicated in the report, peace and security is indeed a growing area of work for UN-Women, signified by its increased expenditure from USD 15 million in 2010 to USD 25 million in 2012. I would like to commend UN-Women, for leading the advancement of women's leadership and participation in peace and security.

4. Malaysia believes that equal, full and active participation of women is key to peacekeeping and peacebuilding. While we acknowledge the existing normative frameworks with regard to Security Council resolutions pertaining to women, peace and security, we hope that there would be more impetus to the actual realization of these resolutions including the landmark resolution 1325 (2000), to increase women's participation in the field of peace and security. In this context, my delegation welcomes the various initiatives and actions undertaken by UN-Women and other UN entities which focuses on supporting and increasing the representation of women in peace negotiations and mainstreaming gender perspectives into peace agreements. UN-Women is playing a vital role as lead actor on women, peace and security within the United Nations system and for its ability in engaging and influencing high-level stakeholders in advancing this important sector.

5. Additionally, we concur with the recommendation to continue to scale up proactive intergovernmental engagement and coordination role with regional actors such as ASEAN for peacebuilding agenda. ASEAN attaches great importance to the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000) and is supportive of the continued efforts by the relevant United Nations bodies in advancing the women, peace and security agenda.

Madam President,

6. On the humanitarian response, we acknowledge that women's leadership and participation in humanitarian response is a new work area for UN-Women. We recognize the demand from humanitarian actors in the United Nations for gender-responsive approaches to humanitarian action and the limitations faced by UN-Women in this regard. My delegation thus looks forward on how this important issue is going to be developed, as there are some promising examples of UN-Women's potential niche in this new area of work. We are further encouraged to know that some of the issues identified are addressed in the recently approved Strategic Plan 2014-2017.

Madam President,

7. Malaysia continues to take various measures towards achieving gender equality and women's development through various policy frameworks, legislation and capacity building and entrepreneurial programmes. We will continue to work with others that share similar interests in advancing that agenda and ensuring the full mainstreaming of women in humanitarian response as well as activities in the pursuit of securing peace and security. In this regard, Malaysia is pleased to note that UN-Women has been able to deliver, with significant success. Malaysia stands ready to play its part in providing our utmost support to UN-Women and look forward to contribute effectively to ensure a successful outcome of this Session.

I thank you Madam President.