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FOR PEACEBUILDING
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1. On behalf of my delegation, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the chair of this High Level Meeting on Women's Economic Empowerment for Peacebuilding. I am confident that under your able leadership, this meeting will be guided towards a successful outcome.

Policies on Women

2. Therefore, in addressing the issues of women's empowerment after conflict, attention should be given to strengthen security of women through rules and regulations, setting up of institutional and administrative machinery to plan, coordinate, implement as well as monitor development programmes for women, increase access to education and employment opportunities, develop policies and services that give equal livelihood opportunities to women.

Programmes

3. Programmes that provide training to generate income will greatly benefit women. The skills acquired can help women start small businesses. To ensure the success of their business, women must also be taught financial skills to help them manage their finances efficiently. Training programmes should have specific targets.

Access to Financing

4. One main challenge women face in conflict situations is the lack of access to financial support. Single mothers are at a greater disadvantage because they need to nurture their children and at the same time generate an income. Women become less empowered when they do not have access to this very important resource.

Conclusion

5. Conflicts are often multi-dimensional and as such, require a multi-dimensional approach. Empowering women and promoting gender equality in the economy and decision making would contribute to post-conflict recovery, promote economic growth and political stability of a nation.

6. Malaysia commends and remains committed **the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding as outlined in Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000)**. In this regard, the Peacebuilding Commission and UN Women are well placed to respond to the countries in transition through their roles as advisory inter-governmental bodies of the United Nations in empowering women in the economic field. Malaysia would continue to work with the United Nations and its agencies to promote this noble cause in empowering of women.

7. Finally, Malaysia welcomes the adoption of the *Draft Declaration on Women's Economic Empowerment for Peacebuilding*.

Thank you.