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**Annual Progress Report on the 2004 OSCE Gender Action Plan**  
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Thank you, Chair. Ireland fully aligns with the EU statement and I would like to make the following remarks in my national capacity.

Ireland thanks the Secretary General for his update on recent work undertaken to implement the 2004 OSCE Gender Action Plan.

At a time of growing global pushback against gender equality, it is vital that the OSCE remains a leader in this field, and uses its considerable expertise to support the implementation of principles to which we have all agreed.

We note the progress made across a range of areas, particularly the proactive response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Emergency cash support for women's organisations on the frontline, gender and disability-sensitive training for emergency services, assistance in gender mainstreaming key government services, and the inclusion of women peacebuilders in OSCE networks, are excellent examples of the OSCE's practical impact on the ground.

There is a wealth of expertise across our region and we value the OSCE's efforts to facilitate exchange and lesson learning. Achieving gender equality is not a competition but a shared goal to which we should all contribute.

Chair,

This week, Ireland launched its Fourth National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. A key thread running through this plan is the commitment to taking an intersectional approach to advancing gender equality, recognising how overlapping identities and experiences can compound discrimination

We therefore welcome the recognition in the report, as the Secretary General referenced in his remarks earlier, that more attention should be paid to women and girls with disabilities and look forward to hearing more about how this goal will be met.

At the launch of the Chair's Roadmap on WPS earlier this year, Ireland pledged to integrate emerging challenges and transnational threats into its national action plan. Our latest WPS National Action Plan commits us to embedding gender-transformative solutions into our climate action, and to recognising the new challenges and opportunities posed by digital technologies and AI for inclusion.

We recall that gender equality is a cross-dimensional issue. It is therefore essential that it is mainstreamed throughout the Organisation's activities.



Chair,

Peace that excludes women is not peace and security that excludes women is not security. The drafters of the Gender Action Plan recognised this over 20 years ago, as did we all in the passing of Resolution 1325 almost exactly 25 years ago. Documents like these remain a rallying cry for those around the world excluded from peace processes.

Today, as violent conflicts intensify and hard-won gains face growing threats, women and girls continue to bear the brunt of insecurity. We must collectively recommit to placing women and girls at the heart of our efforts to prevent conflict, sustain peace, and promote inclusive development.