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Madam President,

Liechtenstein welcomes the UN Women Strategic Plan for 2011-2013 as well as the longer-term vision and benchmarks set out therein. We thank the Bureau for leading the consultation process with Member States in a constructive and transparent manner thus further securing the positive start of UN Women.

UN Women's commitment to providing concrete and measurable results on the five priorities laid out in the Strategic Plan coupled with the goal of strengthened regional and country presence has the potential to improve the lives of millions of women. Focusing our efforts on reaching those hardest to reach, such as women in conflict-affected populations and women living in rural, least developed regions will be critical to achieve internationally agreed development goals and substantial women's rights improvements.

With its comprehensive mandate and its unique set-up as both a normative and operational entity, UN Women can substantially contribute to closing the implementation gap between the United Nation's general policy framework and its work on the ground. From the very beginning

it will be crucial to establish clear and efficient relationships with other parts of the UN system in order to avoid overlap and improve the overall efficiency of the UN system. While we understand that such relationships are also a work in progress, the Strategic Plan could have brought a clearer commitment in this regard.

The Development Results Framework (DRF) with its clear set of outcomes, targets, indicators and baselines is both ambitious and actionable. Where there are missing baselines, those should be established as quickly and accurately as possible. Liechtenstein particularly welcomes the focus of DRF 3 on preventing violence against women and girls and expanding access to victim services with its double dimension of prevention and recovery. Improving access to justice is the first step toward fighting impunity that leads to cycles of violence against women. Targets to improve the response of justice systems to incidences of violence against women are a promising step in that direction. To establish the baselines for determining access of women survivors to health, legal, police, integrated crisis centers or other related services should be considered a priority.

We also welcome DRF 4 on women's leadership in peace, security and humanitarian response, including the targets addressing incidents of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations. We support in particular those planned activities that contribute to the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda, including the development of the seven-point action plan in partnership with the Peacebuilding Support Office and the draft road map for implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

While we do not underestimate the amount of work that must be accomplished, we believe that this first Strategic Plan provides the guidance needed not only to achieve the goals we have set ourselves, but also to serve as a point of convergence for a renewed global movement for gender equality and the empowerment of women.