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ITALY'S STATEMENT AT THE EVENT OF THE CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE FORUM FOR SECURITY COOPERATION ON "WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY - FULL GENDER EQUALITY IN CONSCRIPTION"

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Mr. Chairperson,

Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and would like to add some remarks in its national capacity.

First of all, we would like to express our thanks to the Danish Chairpersonship of the Forum for Security Cooperation for organizing today's event and to the distinguished speakers for their valuable insights.

The Agenda Women, Peace and Security is more relevant than ever, unfortunately also due to the proliferation of conflicts near us: first of all the one resulting from the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, which has caused devastating impacts for women and girls, including mass displacement and severe humanitarian needs.

Since the adoption of UNSCR 1325, Italy has been among the countries at the forefront of promoting the fundamental values of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. Our current National Action Plan and the new edition being developed for the period 2025 – 2030 provide inter alia for the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation in negotiation processes and in all phases of armed conflict management and the promotion of the gender perspective in peace operations, as well as the enhancement of the presence of women in the Armed Forces and the Police. A good level of integration of female military personnel has been achieved, and, through the creation of mixed teams it has been possible to experience how the presence of both gender components integrates capabilities that complement and strengthen each other, thereby resulting in better operational outputs. This by considering that the application of the gender perspective is an effective multiplier in military operations in general and particularly when it comes to counter conflict-related

sexual violence, to demobilize and the reintegrate women and girls who are former combatants into civilian life and to provide assistance in rebuilding local security forces.

Also in the context of our G7 Presidency, Italy has worked to further advance the Women, Peace and Security Agenda at a global level. In particular, during the last Summit of Heads of States held in Puglia from 13 to 15 June, together with the other countries of the Group, we reaffirmed the common commitment to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, to promote the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, including its application in disaster risk prevention activities, and to eradicate all forms of gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, also by supporting the role of women as peacebuilders. Furthermore, we recently confirmed these commitments at the G7 meeting of Gender Equality Ministers and the EU Commissioner for Equality, held in Matera from 4 through 6 October.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson