

**Joint Statement on the International Day of Women in Diplomacy
at the 1569th Meeting of the OSCE Permanent Council
Vienna, 25 June 2026**

I am delivering this statement on behalf of the following participating States, who are members of the Trio established to advance implementation of the OSCE-wide Roadmap on Women, Peace and Security: Ireland, The Netherlands, and my own country, Italy.

The following participating States are also joining this statement: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, and United Kingdom.

Mr Chair,

On the occasion of the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, celebrated on June 24, we join the international community in honouring the enduring contributions of women diplomats across the globe: negotiators, mediators, peacebuilders and leaders. All of them make tangible contributions to shaping the international security architecture. We can of course best honour these contributions throughout actions, rather than words alone.

That's why it is important that we use this day within the OSCE framework to reflect on the progress made and the distance yet to travel. We appreciate the momentum generated under Finland's 2025 Chairpersonship through the launch of the OSCE-wide Roadmap for the effective implementation of Women, Peace and Security (WPS) commitments, a comprehensive framework guiding participating States towards concrete action.

The Roadmap sets out 17 tangible actions and already 31 participating States have pledged their commitments. Turning commitments into concrete action remains essential to delivering sustainable progress. We also take the opportunity to extend our gratitude to the OSCE Secretariat- specifically the Gender Issues Programme and the Conflict Prevention Centre- and ODIHR, and other executive structures, including field missions for their steadfast work in mainstreaming gender

across all dimensions of OSCE activity and to all pledging States whose voluntary action pledges to the WPS Roadmap give concrete meaning to the values we proclaim today.

Mr Chair,

Strengthening implementation of the WPS Agenda also demands coherent engagement across the broader international landscape with formats such as the WPS Focal Point Network that held its eighth Capital-Level Meeting on 9 and 10 June 2026 in Rome in the presence of many OSCE participating States alongside the OSCE Gender Issues Programme, as well as with multilateral formats on the other side of the Danube. This is essential in order to avoid duplication, streamline effort and ensure that commitments made in one forum reinforce and amplify action in others. It is also essential to engage men and boys in these meetings and in the overall efforts to promote gender equality.

Finally, we welcome the OSCE LinkedIn campaign to celebrate the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, capturing the lived experiences behind diplomacy in the OSCE. I also take this opportunity to thank the WIN ExB project, who make this campaign possible.

I thank you.
