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Mr President,

Afghanistan has taken steps forward in the past decade, and progress has been reported especially on education, health and infrastructure. However, Finland remains concerned about the human rights situation, and in particular the situation of women and girls.

What is the state of play in the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women Peace and Security) and related resolutions, and the application of Elimination of Violence against Women Law?

Finland recommend

- 1) the Government of Afghanistan to ensure the full application of the Elimination of Violence against Women Law.**
- 2) Afghanistan to guarantee women's representation at all decision-making levels in line with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 Women, Peace and Security and related resolutions and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women.**

Thank you.