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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you mrs. vice president,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands commends the Government of Chad with the adoption of a national strategy to address gender-based violence and with its first National Action Plan to implement UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. We encourage Chad to continue to translate these plans into concrete and tangible actions.

We underline the importance of broad participation in the political transition in Chad, so the country can swiftly return to a constitutional order.

The Netherlands recommends to:

1. Allow peaceful demonstrations and allow opposition politicians equal access to the media.
2. Ensure accountability for past cases of human rights violations.
3. Decriminalize homosexuality and respect the rights of LGBTQI+ persons.

We wish Chad every success in its review.

Thank you.