

**Remarks at Peacebuilding Commission electronic consultation  
on the 2020 review: Women, Peace and Security**

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Mr. President,

I thank you for hosting this meeting. I also thank briefers for their detailed briefings.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The international community should capitalize on this opportunity to review and take stock of the achievements and shortcomings in the areas of Women, Peace and Security (WPS), so as to identify the right direction for future cooperation and increase consensus.

Over the years, women have played an increasingly prominent role in the field of peace and security and become increasingly important participants and contributors in the peace process. The number of women peacekeepers and police is increasing gradually. In conflict-affected countries, women play an indispensable role in preventing conflict, conducting mediation and building peace, and measures to protect and assist them have been constantly improved. The international community should continue to strengthen coordination and give full play to the important role of women in peacebuilding process.

First, we should commit to seeking political solutions to hotspot issues through dialogue and consultation and create an international environment conducive to the survival and development of women. It is imperative to secure women's full right to participation and decision-making at all stages of the peace process while ensuring that women's representatives involved in the peace process truly reflect the voices of women on the ground. Chinese female peacekeepers and medical teams have been, in defiance of all odds and hardships,

actively safeguarding peace in conflict areas and helping and taking care of women and children.

Second, we need to address both the symptoms and root causes of conflicts, effectively strengthen women's capacity building, and ensure their effective participation in the peace process. It is imperative to help women achieve equal development, escape poverty and access quality education, which constitute important conditions for their effective participation in the peace process. It is essential to actively help countries concerned carry out post-conflict reconstruction, focusing on capacity-building, and ensure that development benefits all people, not least women. China is actively fulfilling the commitments made by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the 2015 Global Women's Summit by providing assistance to women and girls in developing countries in health, education, vocational and technical training and other fields.

Third, we need to fully respect the sovereignty and will of the countries concerned, and ensure that the various UN agencies can form synergies while leveraging their respective strengths. Countries

concerned shoulder the primary responsibility in promoting women's effective participation in the peace process and should take appropriate measures in light of their national conditions. Relevant bodies such as the Security Council, ECOSOC, Peacebuilding Commission and UN Women should, in accordance with their respective mandates, fully play to their strengths and intensify coordination, in a joint effort to promote the important role of women in the field of peace and security. Regional and sub-regional organizations are best informed and can therefore provide targeted solutions. NGOs are expected play a constructive role by observing the laws of the countries concerned, respecting the ownership of the host government, and fully consulting with them.

China stands ready to work with all parties to push the UN's work in the field of WPS to a new high and promote the women participation in peacebuilding.

Thank you, Mr. President.