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STATEMENT

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Thank you Mr. President,

I would like to thank the Executive Director for her address and presentation on the progress made on the Strategic plan, including operational activities in 2013. It is clear that the position of the UN-Women is unique in the UN system and the Entity is showing results at three interconnected levels of its mandate – normative, coordinative and operational. The Entity also proved in short time its growing capabilities and significantly raised its effectiveness.

Poland welcomes the report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and on the operational activities. We acknowledge the achievements in advancing gender equality, as well as the challenges faced by the Entity. The report provides valuable data and concrete examples to help us correctly assess the current situation. We believe that the lessons learned will guide the Entity in its further actions.

Mr. President,

Poland believes that one of the crucial aspects of the UN-Women’s mandate is its coordinative role. At the same time, this aspect poses an important challenge in the Entity’s activity. In this context we are encouraged that strengthening of the coordination of gender-responsive operational activities at the country level remains a priority, according to the report. We also hope that the partnerships of the UN-Women with other United Nations entities will be further consolidated, because a system-wide delivery on gender equality and women’s empowerment is crucial for sustainable results in this area.

Mr. President,

We agree with the conclusion that the Entity could achieve more with more resources and that the Member States’ expectations toward the UN-Women should be followed by appropriate contributions. Indeed, we should not forget about the direct link between the implementation of the strategic plan and the available resources.

Finally, let me recall the importance of discussions on the post-2015 development agenda and of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. We are convinced that both these elements will further strengthen the focus on women’s rights in the global and national agendas.
Thank you.