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STATEMENT BY

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF ITALY

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Thank You Mr./Madam President,

This Session has been a very important one for the Member States. We have heard yesterday about the key results achieved by UN Women since its establishment. Italy commends the Entity for its actions in response to the demands and expectations of women, girls, boys and men in advancing gender equality throughout the world. Its 2011-2013 Strategic Plan has set in motion a number of activities in developing countries to reach MDG3 and to further strengthen the links between the operational, normative and coordinating role of UN Women.

Mr./Ms. President,

The implementation of the new 2014-2017 Strategic Plan is now underway. We believe that a further engagement of UN Women is needed to strengthen partnerships and widen the donor base. This is crucial to mobilizing adequate resources to meet stakeholder expectations and, at the same time, ensure that these strategic goals are fully achieved. Italy fully subscribes to this key approach and stands ready to play its part. Despite current economic difficulties, we are pleased to confirm, also for this year, a contribution of one million euros to the 2014 regular budget of UN Women. In addition, Mr./Ms. President, the Italian government this week is reviewing for approval a contribution of 500,000 euros to prevent and respond to Sexual Gender-Based Violence affecting Syrian Women.

Thank you, Mr./Madam President.