**Welcoming remarks:**

- Mr. Ivo Šrámek, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Security and Multilateral Issues of the Czech Republic
- H.E. Ms. Marie Chatardová, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, President of the ECOSOC

**Speakers:**

- Ms. Dariia Malakhova, Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Ukraine & UNSCR 1325
- Ms. Kateřina Krulišová, Nottingham Trent University & Ms. Míla O’Sullivan, Institute of International Relations Prague - Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the Czech Republic & Central, Eastern and South-eastern Europe
- Mr. Jan Koubek Kejzlar, Director, CARE Czech Republic, and Czech Development Cooperation Forum
- Ms. Carolina Popovici, Counselor, Deputy Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations
- Ms. Eva Lacinová, Czech Development Agency, Projects of the Czech Development Cooperation
- The UN Women Representative

A determined advocacy of women’s networks along with international pressure resulted in the adoption of a landmark *United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security* in October 2000 (UNSCR 1325) and the following resolutions, now known as the *Women, Peace and Security Agenda*.

Countries in Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe share the common experience of gendered ‘emancipation from above’. This provides the region with a unique perspective on
the topics of emancipation, gender equality and gendered (in)securities and thus an exclusive take on the preparation of National Action Plans implementing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

During the side event the Czech Republic, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova will present their approaches, achievements as well as challenges with the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda. In accordance with the principle of PARTICIPATION – the priority theme of the Czech Republic’s Presidency in ECOSOC – speakers from the governmental, non-governmental and academic spheres are be represented at the side event.

The Czech Republic as well as Ukraine adopted their national action plans in 2017 (latter in 2016) and the Republic of Moldova is in the final stage of concluding its own national action plan on the implementation of UNSCR 1325. While Ukraine is approaching the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in the context of the uncertainty of an ongoing conflict, the Czech Republic’s main challenge is fighting stereotypes as well as safeguarding an effective approach towards the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda domestically and internationally. The Czech-Moldova partnership serves as an outstanding example of the mutual cooperation on shared projects with a strong gender-oriented approach.

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