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Mr. President,
Excellencies,
Everyone,

The current situation in Afghanistan is an outcome of extreme misogyny, based on unequal power-relations between genders and too often on direct hate towards women, all resulting in brutal violations of women's being and rights.

According to UN Women, femicide numbers in Afghanistan were higher than ever already in 2020. Speaking now, Taliban have blocked the mechanisms needed to prevent violence, worse vulnerable situations too often result in increased violence.

This trend needs to be stopped immediately. Security Council Resolution 1325 on "women, peace and security" offers solutions. Afghanistan has, or had, a National Action Plan on the resolution, yet it was never sufficiently implemented. It is not enough to mention the importance of Afghan women's and girls' participation in peace processes, it needs to be also adequately funded and supported.

To end the violence against Afghan women and girls, we need more gender-responsive approaches. We urge the Government of Afghanistan to teach and engage their men and boys to respect women and girls.

Thank you, Mister President.