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29 March 2010

TO: Mr. Vijay Nambiar
Chief de Cabinet

FROM: Ms. Rachel Mayanja, Assistant Secretary-General and
Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women
OSAGI, DESA

C.C.: Ms. Asha Rose-Migiro, Deputy Secretary-General

SUBJECT: **Secretary-General's report on Women and Peace and Security**

1. Please find attached the Secretary-General's report on Women and Peace and Security. The report is slotted for submission to the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for processing on 8 April 2010.

2. This report has been prepared in response to Security Council Resolution 1889(2009) which was adopted in October 2009.

3. The report reflects the consensus of an Inter-Agency Working Group from the Task Force on Women, and Peace and Security, as well as broad support of CSOs, principals of relevant UN entities and Member States, friends of Security Council Resolution 1325(2000), gathered through an extensive consultative process. The report has been prepared within the short (6 months) timeframe given by the Security Council and is due to be discussed by the Council in 27 April 2010.

I would be most grateful for your urgent clearance of the report.

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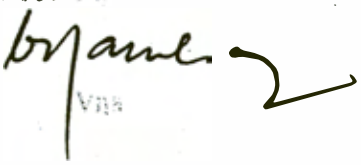
Report of the Secretary-General

Approved on behalf of the Council



I. Introduction

1. On 5 October 2009, the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 1889(2009) by which it reaffirmed its commitment to the continuing and full implementation, in a mutually reinforcing manner, of its resolutions 1325(2000), 1612(2005), 1674(2006), 1820(2008), 1882(2009), and 1888(2009). The Council expressed its continued deep concern about the persistent obstacles to women's full involvement in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and their participation in post-conflict public life. It acknowledged that the marginalization of women can delay or undermine the achievement of sustainable peace, security and reconciliation.