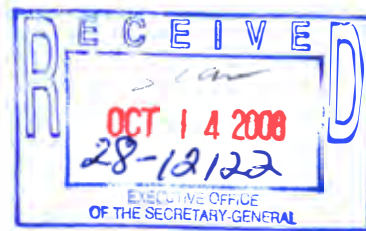


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NOTE TO MR. NAMBIAR

Security Council open debate on women, peace and security

1. In the context of the annual review of the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), the Security Council under the Presidency of China will hold, on 29 October 2008, a day-long open debate on the theme "Women, peace and security: towards effective national and international implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000)." The Security Council will discuss the Secretary-General's report on women, peace and security (S/2008/622). Following the debate, the Council is expected to issue a Presidential Statement.
2. During my meeting with the Permanent Representative of China, in his capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of October, the representation from the Secretariat at the open debate was raised by the President. Since the Secretary-General will not be in New York at the time of the debate, the Ambassador had explored the possibility of Deputy Secretary-General attending the debate.
3. Last year, the Secretariat was represented at the debate by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women; and the Executive Director, a.i. of United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).
4. Given the importance of the theme and its focus on the critical issue of national implementation of resolution 1325, the Deputy Secretary-General's presence would be most desirable, be it a brief one. Should she be available for this meeting, my Office would be glad to work with the Speechwriting Unit to prepare a draft statement.
5. It is thus recommended that the following UN officials would accompany the Deputy Secretary-General and make statements at the open debate of the Council: USG for Peacekeeping Operations, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Executive Director of UNIFEM.

I would be most grateful for your guidance.


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