



Mr. Chairman,

Finally, the report dedicates a section to cost data related to female deployment. It highlights that while the questionnaire requested specific information on costs associated with deploying female peacekeepers, and although nine (9) of the 10 participating countries deploy female uniformed personnel, very few costs specific to the deployment of female personnel were incurred.

Before I conclude, I wish to express gratitude for the support the Secretariat and visiting teams received from the survey sample of 10 countries. The active participation, engagement and openness of all countries highlights the importance these countries attach to the survey process and the reimbursement framework in its entirety. Following on from the significant changes invoked through last year's Contingent-Owned Equipment Working Group, it also proves, once again, the centrality of reimbursement to the peacekeeping partnership.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that the Secretariat stands ready to respond to any questions that you may have regarding the report.

Thank you.