

Statement of Ambassador Kristín A. Árnadóttir, Permanent Representative of Iceland, at the 1345th Permanent Council Meeting, Vienna, 18 November 2021.

Thank you Madam Chair / Mr. Chair,

While Iceland aligns with the EU statement let me in my national capacity reiterate our gratitude to our guests here today and hopes that stakeholders will be able to establish peace in the area. Let me also emphasize the need of an inclusive process, and the need to making the most of the potential contribution and participation of women in accordance with the UN Security Council Resolution on Women, Peace and Security. Let me thank the Chair of the High Level Planning Group, General Claes, for the insight given on gendered approach of the HLPG.

It would also be very informative for the PC to hear to what extent the agenda has been integrated in the work of the Minsk-Group Co-Chairs and other conflict resolution processes of stakeholders.

Thank you Madam Chair / Mr. Chair,