



CZECH REPUBLIC

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to the UN**

at

**the Security Council Debate on „ Maintenance of International Peace and
Security: Security Sector Reform“**

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Madame President,

1. The Czech Republic fully shares the views expressed in the Concept Note for today's debate. We thank the Nigerian Presidency for having brought this critical issue to the attention of the Security Council and hope that the Security Council will continue to hold open debates on SSR on a regular basis. We agree that it is the responsibility of the Security Council, as the primary body responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, to ensure that the necessary priority be afforded to this critical role of the UN.
2. The Czech Republic is fully aligned with the statement delivered by the European Union. I would like to add now the following remarks in our national capacity.
3. We consider SSR as a key step in the transition from conflict to sustainable development. Successful SSR is possible only by adhering to the principles of national ownership and deepening the cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations and civil society. In this context, Security Sector Reform emerged as a relevant concept addressing the core deficiencies of a state with the aim of improving not only 'state security' but in a wider sense 'human security', that is to say the security of every single human being within the society.
4. The UN Secretary-General's report from August 2013 clearly outlines the progress in joining the UN system with SSR, but it also shows that there is need for greater improvement. In our view SSR requires a holistic approach and all activities should be dealt with in a coherent and comprehensive manner. It is crucial to involve all parts of the UN system in this area, therefore we welcome the creation of the Security Sector Reform Task Force, which covers all important departments of the UN Secretariat and its programs. We also note other ways of deepening this cooperation by involving specialized UN agencies in the Task Force.

Madame President,

5. In conclusion I would like to stress the active participation of Czech experts in several CSDP missions, whose mandate included SSR. These missions included EUPM in Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUPOL in Afghanistan, the EUCAP Nestor mission in the Horn of Africa and in the EUTM mission in Mali. My country is also undertaking particular efforts to implement Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security as well as Resolution 1612 on children affected by armed conflict.

Thank you for your attention.

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