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**Security Council Open Debate on  
“Women and peace and security: Women building peace in a changing environment”**

**Statement by H.E. Jeem S. Lippwe, Permanent Representative  
New York, 25 October 2024**

I wish to start by thanking the Swiss Presidency of the Security Council for convening this important event.

Madame President,

Micronesia acknowledges the crucial role that women play in peacebuilding, especially in the face of our rapidly changing environment. The intersection of gender, peace, and climate resilience is not only a priority but a necessity for sustainable development and stability.

I would like to emphasize a few points:

First, women, especially in our small island developing states like my own Micronesia, are often on the front lines of climate change impacts. Their unique insights and experiences are invaluable in developing effective adaptation strategies. We must empower women with the resources and training needed to lead climate resilience initiatives as is essential for the success of these efforts.

Second, we recognize that inclusive peacebuilding processes, which actively involve women at all levels, are more likely to achieve lasting peace. Women's participation ensures that peace agreements address the diverse needs of all community members, fostering more comprehensive and sustainable outcomes. As a practical example of this, in the traditional Micronesian society women often serve as mediators, bringing peace to settle differences.

Third, ensuring the protection and empowerment of women in conflict and post-conflict settings is paramount. We must strengthen legal frameworks and provide the necessary support to prevent gender-based violence and to support survivors. Empowering women to participate in peace and security efforts will lead to stronger, more resilient communities.

Fourth, Micronesian women are custodians of our rich cultural heritage and traditional knowledge. In our Micronesian society, their contributions to community resilience and social cohesion are vital. Integrating cultural wisdom into modern peacebuilding strategies can create more holistic and effective solutions.

Fifth, addressing the complex challenges of a changing environment requires global cooperation and solidarity. We call on the international community to support initiatives that promote the role of women in peacebuilding and climate resilience, ensuring that resources are allocated equitably and that best practices are shared.

In conclusion, Micronesia reaffirms its commitment to advancing the role of women in building peace within the context of a changing environment. By empowering women and integrating their perspectives into our strategies, we can create a more peaceful, resilient, and sustainable future for all.

Thank you, Madame President.