

Position Paper

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JAN HAMACEK, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, said the United Nations' purpose — the protection of peace, human rights, justice and social progress— is not a Western instrument, but one that forms universal ideals towards which all Member States should strive together. Multilateralism is increasingly undermined and questioned, he said, calling on policymakers to realize the difficult structural and political reforms required for the United Nations to promote shared global responsibility and robust international cooperation and regain common values. In recent years the Security Council has been characterized by blocking tactics rather than cooperation while failing to act on the world's worst atrocities in ongoing brutal conflicts from Syria to Yemen. Fully supporting the Secretary-General's proposed reforms and their budgetary requirements, he said the prevention of conflict is a vital point and Member States should adopt a comprehensive approach to peace and security which treats climate change as a security problem.

The Czech Republic launched its first National Action Plan (NAP) in 2017 for the period of three years, 2017-2020. This NAP has been developed through a participatory process that involved the Government Council for Gender Equality, which consists of representatives from the government, academia and civil society, and several ministries, including the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Interior. Domestically and internationally, the NAP is to be implemented through the activities of individual ministries and development partners. Monitoring and evaluation of the NAP will also be undertaken by the Government Council for Gender Equality and other relevant advisory bodies

By adopting the NAP, the Czech Government reaffirms its commitment to the promotion of international peace and security, as well as to the defence of gender equity and the empowerment of all women and girls. However, Czech NAP clearly showcases the intention of the Government to re-frame women's role in society and position them as key participants in the country's defence sector. At the 23 April 2019 high-level WPS Commitments event, the Czech Republic committed to creating a new NAP in advance of October 2020.