

**Remarks by Mr. Patrick Hayford on behalf of Cheik Sidi Diarra, USG, Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (OSAA/OHRLLS) to the**

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1. Your Excellency the Vice President of ECOSOC, Delegates, panellists and UN colleagues; it is my honour to make a few remarks on behalf of Ambassador Cheik Sidi Diarra, the Special Adviser on Africa and High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Land Locked Countries and Small Island Developing Countries.
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and their involvement to the forefront for a more concerted response. Many Pacific island governments have also recognized the importance of consulting women in conflict prevention, resolution and peace building, as well as understanding their needs and priorities. In 2008, the Pacific Islands Forum Regional Security Committee endorsed the Guiding Principles and Implementation Framework for Customary Land Management and Conflict Minimisation, which reflect the importance of involving women in conflict prevention.

7. I applaud all countries that are nationally implementing the provisions of Resolution 1325. Many countries have launched initiatives that promote the