**2017 UN Open Day on Women Peace and Security in Kosovo**

***“The Role of Women in Reconciliation: Building Peace and Security in Kosovo”***

**Concept Note**

**Background**

In 2010, to mark the tenth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, the Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Field Support initiated Global Days to strengthen their engagement with women and civil society in peacekeeping operations.

The Global Days provide opportunities for women leaders and women organizations to meet with senior United Nations leadership on issues pertinent to the implementation of the resolution. Since their inception, the Global Open Days have been recognized for promoting and supporting women’s empowerment in post-conflict scenarios and for raising awareness on the importance of the contribution of women to the peace and security dialogue.

This year’s event builds on successful Open Day events held in Kosovo in 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016 addressing, among many issues, women’s participation in negotiations and dialogue processes, political empowerment, gender-based violence and transitional justice, representation and reintegration of women from non-majority groups and women from civil society as well as young women’s challenges, perspectives and recommendations regarding the advancement of the Women, Peace and Security agenda in Kosovo.

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The 2017 UN Global Open Day will gather women representatives from civil society, municipal and central institutions and international organizations and engage in a discussion focusing on their concerns, priorities and recommendations on key context-specific issues relating to peace and security in Kosovo, including their experiences and contributions to reconciliation processes, as well as the challenges they face.

The 2017 Open Day will seek to provide a meaningful platform for women from different communities to exchange their views and challenges in the context of reconciliation processes in Kosovo with an opportunity for participants to liaise with the UN institutions, local and municipal authorities on the matters of their concern.

The findings of the UN Global Open Day will be included in the report that will be distributed to UNHQ, UNMIK substantive sections and relevant local and international actors to identify sustainable practices and urgent needs that will feed local and regional strategies and ensure better-tailored activities of UNMIK substantive sections and other actors in Kosovo.

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| **Date and time:**  **Venue:** | 15 March 2017, 9:00 – 15:00 hrs  Chopin Room, Emerald Hotel, Pristina |