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**Statement to the Permanent Council of the OSCE – 19 March 2009**

**Appointment of Special Envoy on Women, Peace and Security.**

Marking International Women's Day on 8 March, Ireland announced the appointment of the former Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland, Dame Nuala O'Loan, as special envoy on Peace, Women and Security. The appointment is part of Ireland's action plan on the implementation of United Nations Resolution 1325.

As the Council is aware, the resolution, agreed in 2000, requires parties in a conflict to respect women's rights and to support their participation in peace negotiations and in post-conflict reconstruction.

The appointment of Ms. O'Loan reflects Ireland's commitment to United Nations Resolution 1325 as a tool in building sustainable peace and Ireland's recognition of the role of Women in building peace and security.