

**UN SECURITY COUNCIL OPEN DEBATE ON WOMEN, PEACE AND
SECURITY**

23 October 2007

Netherlands

Mr. Rogachev

“On the other hand, the Council cannot focus on sexual violence only when it occurs during armed conflict. We must make efforts to find a balanced approach to this problem within the Security Council, bearing in mind its tasks and competence under the Charter of the United Nations. That has to do, also, with the fact that we see in this problem and other topics an attempt to promote the concept of **responsibility to protect** within the Security Council, an issue which under the 2005 World Summit Outcome Document is something that first requires discussion within the General Assembly.”

Malawi

Mr. Matenje

“Therefore, we hope that adequate and predictable mechanisms will be introduced to support the full implementation of resolution 1325 (2000) in an efficient, transparent, accountable, coherent and sustainable manner that takes into account the special needs of women and children, particularly in situations of armed conflict. These include putting an end to gender-based violence and degrading and inhumane treatment, which has resulted in millions of women and children in armed-conflict-afflicted areas losing their limbs or their lives. We are particularly appalled by reports of the sexual exploitation of women and children, particularly by the very same people who are entrusted with them **responsibility to protect** them.”