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**STATEMENT OF AMBASSADOR GERT ROSENTHAL
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WRAP-UP SESSION OF THE WORK OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
DURING THE CURRENT MONTH
(27 JUNE 2013)**

Mr. President,

I appreciate your concept note to help organize this wrap-up session. Even more, I thank you and your team for your outstanding stewardship of the Presidency during the month that is about to end.

Following your guidelines, I will make five brief comments on those aspects that, in our delegation's view, were the outstanding aspects of our agenda during June.

The first noteworthy aspect is the innovation you tried to introduce, chronometer in hand, to reduce the extension and perhaps elevate the quality of our interventions. I believe that you had some success in this endeavor, albeit at the cost of offending a scattering of delegates. In recognition of this important innovation, whose logic we understand and support, we have taken on the task of starting an appeal among our colleagues of the Council, in order to give you as a gift a 24 karat gold chronometer.

In the second place, we applaud the debate on Women, Peace and Security, focused on sexual violence in conflicts. We were struck by the comparison of this phenomenon, viewed as an instrument of war, with our efforts in the sphere of disarmament. We believe that the fight against sexual violence and the impunity that tends to be part of it received a boost with the adoption of Resolution 2106 (2013). We value the fact that the debate was presided by Foreign Secretary William Hague, which also provoked the participation of our own Minister.

Third, we were able to hold important interchanges between the members of the Council and the Presidents and Prosecutors of the International Tribunals (ICTY/ICTR). We regret that the debate of 12 June was not opened to other member states of the United Nations. We continue believing that the Ad Hoc Working Group on International Tribunals, which we are honored to preside, is best placed, due to its technical composition and flexible mandate, to take on additional topics related to international criminal justice, including matters related to the International Criminal Court on the Security Council's agenda.

Fourth, yesterday we had a very useful interchange with the Heads of the Military Components of three of the Missions that are part of the United Nations' peace-keeping operations. In our capacity as a troop contributing country, we very much value this type of interactive dialogue.

Finally, among the pending matters of the month, we regret that we did not received the briefing from the Sanctions Committee established under Resolution 1737, due to a lack of consensus regarding the 90-day report on the work of the Committee.

In thanking you once more for your leadership, I only have to wish our colleagues from the United States a productive Presidency during the month of July.

Thank you.