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Dear ms. E

In response to your request of 10 June 2011, I hereby send you the information on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and NATO PA Resolution 381.

The government of The Netherlands has been working for the implementation of these resolutions since they were adopted. Every year my ministry sends a national report on the implementation to NATO. With this letter the national report on 2010, dated April 2011, is enclosed.

In 2011 the implementation process has continued. The following issues have received special attention:

- Development and execution of the course "A comprehensive approach to gender in operations". Twice a year Spain and The Netherlands provide this international course as part of the ESDC. In the last course 45 student from thirteen countries received their certificate. NATO has started the process for NATO accreditation.
- Increasing gender expertise in the armed forces. Every year four officers participate in the gender field advisory course in Sweden.
- The Ministry of Defence has placed a gender advisor at the Directorate of Operations in order to integrate gender in military operations.

- The Netherlands provides gender expertise to several partner countries, for example to South Africa, Spain and Sweden.
- The training of female police officers in Kunduz province will start in October this year.
- Gender is a strategic pillar in the bilateral security sector development program in Burundi. A female empowerment program starts in October. The 127 female members of the armed forces of Burundi receive a one-week training in self defence, human rights and gender issues.
- The Ministry of Defence is an active member of the national working group "National Action Plan 1325 revisited."

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*THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hillen', written in a cursive style.

Drs. J.S.J. Hillen