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**issued the following statement on behalf
Of the Permanent Secretariat.**

International Women's Day

Every year the world celebrates the International Women's Day on 8th March as an annual tradition which began about a hundred years ago, in 1910 after the incident during which a group of women went to New York on the eighth of March 1857 in a protest to demand the identification of working hours. The celebration of this day is sponsored by the United Nations which mandates its Member States to observe this day to assert the rights of women and promote real equality.

Although women's access to political, economic and social rights, still remains incomplete, these accomplishments vary from one community to another.

AAPSO pays great attention to the status of women and working hard to advance it.

What is really worrying us is the gross violations of rights of women especially during conflicts and wars. Women especially the Palestinian, Iraqi, Sudanese and Afghani are subjected to murder, systematic rape, sexual slavery and trafficking, forced immigration, and other forms of violations which raise the alarm globally.

AAPSO calls upon international organizations, peace lovers and human rights activists to take necessary measures and to consolidate their activities to put strategies for implementing the Security Council Resolution (1325). This resolution was a result of Beijing Review conference held in 2000 which set different recommendations and principles on enhancing the full participation of women in the peace process and decision-making for sustainable peace.