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the *Food for Thought* session on **Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) on Women, Peace, and Security and its link to UNODC mandates**, about the difference, a very positive one, of women involvement on safety and security issues.

Last Thursday, I referred to a number of projects being currently undertaken by the UNODC Mexico’s Office for Liaison and Partnership and I would like to mention again just a couple of them: Chuka - Break the Silence, the Gender and Justice Programme, and the Spotlight Mexico Initiative. Those are examples that I am certain that our colleagues of UNODC will make available, as good practices for developing projects with a strong Gender orientation for addressing specific needs and challenges of women and girls.

Finally and regarding national practices on gender inclusive communication, I would like to share that Mexico’s General Law for Equality between Women and Men has been reformed in order to establish the obligation of eliminating obstacles in the educational system impeding effective equality between women and men, and to promote that all government bodies refrain from using sexist and discriminatory stereotypes in all their official communications, incorporating instead an inclusive language.

The implementation of this law is enabled through several mechanisms, including the following:

- Manuals on inclusive communication, based on a model from the Institute for Women and adapted to the context of each government agency.
- An official set of Mexican Standards for Labor Equality and Non-Discrimination, adopted in 2015, which sets out clear guidelines for certification, including criteria on the use of inclusive, accessible and non-sexist language. Institutions are awarded bronze, silver or gold certificates, with an ongoing and periodical assessment process.
- The adoption, just last week, on 21 November, of an Agreement for Equality that will set in motion a National Programme for Equality with resources to accelerate progress towards gender equality.

We’ll be happy to share these experiences with interested parties.

All of the UNODC Governing Bodies starting with the two Commissions should adopt similar directives, in order to guarantee that our communications, including resolutions, decisions *et al*, are always produced with a gender inclusive language. If deemed needed, UNODC could explore with UNWomen workshops for delegates and staff, alike, for attaining that goal.
Thank you.