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## STATEMENT BY UN WOMEN ESARO AT THE 14<sup>TH</sup> IDDRSI PLATFORM STEERING COMMITTEE

### *Theme: Consolidating the Path to Resilience and Sustainability: Scaling up Humanitarian Actions & Resilience Investments*

The Chair of the Session, distinguished guests, Member States representatives, ladies and gentlemen, all protocols observed, receive warm greetings from the UN Women East and Southern Africa Regional Office in Nairobi.

UN Women's engagement in humanitarian action and Disaster Risk Reduction is to ensure consistency and sustainability in addressing gender equality concerns across the humanitarian-development- peace nexus. The importance of gender integration in Humanitarian and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is embedded in the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 and the Sendai Framework for DRR, that acknowledges the impact of conflict and disasters on women, recognizing the importance of utilizing women's contribution and active participation in conflict prevention, peacebuilding and relief and recovery as well as inclusive DRR. UN Women seeks to achieve inclusive and gender responsive DRR and humanitarian responses by working in collaboration with governments, INGOs, other UN agencies, women and women led organizations.

In disaster situation including drought, women and girls are disproportionately affected, but humanitarian response, DRR and resilience programmes are not effectively addressing the needs thus **effective, equitable and participatory DRRR and humanitarian action** cannot be achieved without understanding and responding to the specific needs, priorities and capacities of diverse women, girls, men and boys in different age groups. Therefore, gender integration is a fundamental aspect of anchoring resilience and sustainability of humanitarian interventions, at all phases – prevention, preparedness, humanitarian response and recovery.

Working towards scaling up disaster risk reduction, humanitarian action and resilience investments, UN Women remains committed to working in collaboration with respective Regional Economic Communities including IGAD, supporting Member States in influencing gender integration and subsequently resilience communities. UN Women recognizes the efforts by IGAD to strengthen gender in IDDRSI framework including the establishment of Gender in Resilience Network and commits to continued partnership.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to address this very important meeting, a partnership that we remain very committed to.

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