

Annex B

Statement of Action



We have come together in London between 10–13 June at the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict because we are determined to end the use of rape and sexual violence in conflicts around the world.

Throughout our lifetimes we have seen too many individuals, families and communities devastated by these crimes. For too long, those responsible have not been held to account. We share a commitment, and a determination, that this must change. We are clear that the prevention of sexual violence in conflict is critical to peace, security and sustainable development.

Together we declare that rape and sexual violence is not an inevitable consequence of war or a lesser crime. From this day forward, the shame of the crimes should be firmly on the shoulders of those who commit them, not their victims.

We pay tribute to those people that many, in particular the survivors who have become powerful advocates, who have worked tirelessly to bring this issue to our attention for many years. We stand shoulder to shoulder with all victims and those affected by sexual violence in conflict. We assure them and the communities with which they work, that we are committed to providing the support they need and to holding accountable those who perpetrate or are otherwise responsible for these crimes with all means at our disposal.

We dedicate ourselves to work together, in a spirit of unswerving resolve, to respond to the urgency of this issue. Every individual has a moral responsibility to speak out – locally, nationally and globally – to demand change in how the world perceives and responds to these crimes. We owe it to future generations to end one of the greatest injustices of our time.