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## UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Potential Actors and Suggested Actions

This document was requested by members of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security as part of the group's efforts to push Security Council Resolution 1325 forward; in other words, to ensure that the commitments made in the resolution are acted upon. The focus of this document is therefore on what specific actions might be taken next, and the potential actors who would be most appropriate for these actions. The document is divided into 11 sections according to the 11 principle issues addressed in the resolution, which are listed below. As this document is a working document, any feedback would be most helpful. Please send comments and suggestions to [info@peacewomen.org](mailto:info@peacewomen.org).

Considering that the draft document is quite long, this newsletter has included just a few sections of the full document. To see the full draft document in its original chart form, go to <http://www.peacewomen.org/un/UN1325/draftchart.html>

The full analysis covers the following issues:

1. Women decision-makers
2. Women's Participation in Security Council Missions
3. Women as Special Representatives and Envoys
4. Women in Field-based Operations
5. Gender-based and Sexual-based Violence
6. Gender-Sensitive Training
7. Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective
8. Peacekeeping Operations
9. Women as Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) and Refugees
10. Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)
11. Consultation with Women's Groups

### Issue 1: Women decision-makers

#### 1325 Text:

Para 1: Urges Member States to ensure increased representation of women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management and resolution of conflict;

Para 2: Encourages the Secretary-General to implement his strategic plan of action (A/49/587) calling for an increase in the participation of women at decision-making levels in conflict resolution and peace processes;

**Potential Actors:** Member States, national women's peace organizations, regional women's peace organizations (See PeaceWomen contacts ), women ambassadors, NGOs, all political parties, national offices on women's issues, all relevant UN agencies – Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), Office for the Coordinator of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN Department of Public Information (UNDPI), Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees  
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**PeaceWomen E-News is raising the visibility and maintaining the momentum of SC Resolution 1325**

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(UNHCR), the Department for Disarmament Affairs (DDA), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

### **Suggested Actions:**

- Encourage women's organizations at all levels to prepare and submit lists of suggested candidates for decision-making positions, especially in conflict zones and including refugee women
- Disseminate information about the resolution directly to national and regional bodies involved in decision-making, especially those in the prevention, management and resolution of conflict
- Develop a lobbying strategy to be adopted specifically by women ambassadors
- Establish a support network, including a listserv, for those advocating for gender balance and gender mainstreaming within the UN system

### **Issue 8: Peacekeeping Operations**

#### **1325 Text:**

Para 5: Expresses its willingness to incorporate a gender perspective into peacekeeping operations, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that, where appropriate, field operations include a gender component;

Para 4: Further urges the Secretary-General to seek to expand the role and contribution of women in United Nations field-based operations, and especially among military observers, civilian police, human rights and humanitarian personnel;

Para 6: Requests the Secretary-General to provide to Member States training guidelines and materials on the protection, rights and the particular needs of women, as well as on the importance of involving women in all peacekeeping and peacebuilding measures, invites Member States to incorporate these elements as well as HIV/AIDS awareness training into their national training programmes for military and civilian police personnel in preparation for deployment, and further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that civilian personnel of peacekeeping operations receive similar training;

**Actions** for the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), Department of Public Information (DPI), and Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) in particular:

- Lobby for inclusion of more women in senior DPKO positions
- Lobby for the establishment of Gender Affairs Units and/or senior gender advisors in all peace support operations (PSOs)
- Disseminate information about the importance of women's presence as personnel in peacekeeping operations and other PSOs

**Actions** for Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in particular:

- Compile a list of gender specialists, gender-trained personnel and other qualified female personnel for candidacy at all levels in peace support operations (PSOs) + maintain an updated database of these names
- Create a mechanism within DPKO for analysis and awareness of gender-specific areas of need in conflict situations
- Create a mechanism for regular and direct consultation and dialogue between PSOs and local women's groups
- Establish specialist positions in areas of sexual, gender-based and domestic violence
- Develop a strategy for the active recruitment of women
- Develop a strategy for urging contributing states to provide more women civilian police officers and military observers to serve in UN peacekeeping operations
- Institutionalization of/Establish mandatory gender-sensitive training for all peacekeepers
- Examine East Timor, Kosovo and the Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) PSOs for successful gender mainstreaming as models for further action
- Establish a mechanism for access to contextual information from conflict zones in order that gender-sensitive training is context specific
- Establish a mechanism for the exchange of information and experience between gender units in PSOs

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## PeaceWomen Feature Organisation

### Women's Foundation

**Issues: practical education; skills training; and legal and human rights education; empowerment of women. In Kathmandu, they run a shelter which is a safe haven for women and children who are the survivors of violence. Also gives counseling, medical care, and skills training.**

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<http://www.peacewomen.org/>**

## 1325 PeaceWomen Resource

**Gender Mainstreaming in Peace Support Operations: Moving Beyond Rhetoric to Practice:** This paper discusses the need, rationale, mandates and mechanisms for mainstreaming gender throughout peace support operations. It raises some of the challenges and suggests recommendations for assisting effective implementation. The article can be found at: <http://www.international-alert.org/women/GM%20in%20PSO.pdf>

A recent UN Security Council meeting on Gender and Peacekeeping, held on 25th July 2002 under the UK presidency of the Security Council, heard numerous statements from representatives of member states, and UN agencies and departments supporting the systematic participation of women in peacekeeping operations and gender mainstreaming. (More information can be found at: <http://www.peacewomen.org/un/sc/genderandpeacekeeping2002/genderconflictpeacekeeping.html>). At this critical time in the development of gender mainstreaming debate and actions within peace support this paper aims to respond to the question 'how' gender can be mainstreamed in policy, and translated and entrenched in practice.

The pdf file is quite large and does not include a cover (due to size), so if you would like to be sent a paper copy or have any questions about our work please do not hesitate to contact Bethan at International Alert: [bcobley@international-alert.org](mailto:bcobley@international-alert.org).

For a comprehensive annotated bibliography of books, articles and analyses on women's peace theory and activities, as well as NGO position papers, reports, speeches, statements and tools for organisational building, please go to: <http://www.peacewomen.org/resources/resindex.html>

## PeaceWomen Campaign

### "Putting Peace into Practice"

In March this year, the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, of which WILPF is a member, held a training on SC Resolution 1325 at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the oldest UN body working for women's empowerment. Approximately 100 women attended this training. At the end of the session everyone wrote down on a post card one thing they would do to work towards the implementation of SC Resolution 1325. Two months later WILPF mailed the post-cards back to the women. We are just starting to hear responses. PeaceWomen has collected these responses in an effort to continue to promote the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325. If you have any additions please send us an email at [info@peacewomen.org](mailto:info@peacewomen.org)

This featured campaign can be found at: <http://peacewomen.org/campaigns/featured/csw1325/csw1325.html>

## LICENSE TO RAPE

A new report produced by Shan human rights groups reveals extensive use of sexual violence, mostly by Burmese military officers, in Shan State over the past five years.

The report "Licence to Rape," by the Shan Human Rights Foundation and the Shan Women's Action Network, documents how over 600 girls and women were raped or sexually assaulted by the Burmese military officers, usually in front of their own troops.

Most of the rapes took place in Central Shan State, where over 300,000 villagers have been forcibly relocated from their homes since 1996 as part of an anti-insurgency campaign. The release of the report coincides with the birthday of Aung San Suu Kyi, whose release from house arrest last May gained world attention. "We want to remind the international community to look beyond Rangoon, and not to ignore the abuses being committed by the regime against women in Burma's ethnic states," said Nang Mo Hom of the Shan Human Rights Foundation. The reports urges the regime to engage the ethnic nationalities in political dialogue to bring an end to the civil war. It also calls on the Royal Thai government to give protection to Shan refugees fleeing into Thailand. For more information on the Burma Rape Report please visit: <http://www.peacewomen.org/campaigns/featured/burma/burma.html>

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The report can be viewed at: [http://www.shanland.org/shrf/License to Rape/license to rape.htm](http://www.shanland.org/shrf/License%20to%20Rape/license_to_rape.htm)

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## CURRENT 1325 PEACEWOMEN E-NEWS

### **International women's conference opens in Kampala**

July 28, 2002 - At the Knowhow Conference at Makerere University where the Women's World conference was also taking place there were almost 2250 women in Uganda for both meetings and there were many workshops on women conflict and peace. Isha Dyfan from the International Women's Tribune Center (IWTC) conducted a workshop on Security Council Resolution 1325 focusing on building a network of ICT practitioners and designing a strategy for the dissemination of information on women, peace and security. The IWTC are also holding informal meetings for further partnerships and collaboration to integrate this information into their work.  
<http://peacewomen.org/news/july/kampala.html>

### **Women Call for Neutral Force**

July 26, 2002 - Thousands of women under the banner of the Christian Women Initiatives (in Liberia) are calling for a neutral force and the creation of a peaceful and conducive security environment for free and fair elections in 2003.  
<http://www.peacewomen.org/news/july/liberia.html>

### **World Civil Society Forum Conference on Women, War and Peace**

July 22, 2002 - Within this Civil Society Conference, WILPF Geneva organized a consultation on on Women and War with links to disarmament. The session was organized because there was nothing within the forum on women in decision-making, conflict resolution etc. In addition, WILPF made a commitment to participants from a March 8th seminar to have a follow-up consultation on Security Council Resolution 1325 and to promote implementation of the resolution. Cora Weiss from the Hague Appeal for Peace and Sheri Gibbings from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) presented ideas and actions for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325.

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# What's On

## PEACEWOMEN CALENDAR

**Women: War, Peace and Revolution: Women's Studies Conference at SUNY New Paltz**

**Saturday, October 19, 2002, New Paltz, NY, USA**

***What can we learn from the similarities and differences among women's experiences in war, peace and revolution historically, cross culturally and inter-generationally? This will be a multi-generational, international investigation aimed at helping us create new and more informed strategies for thought and action. For further information call Pat Clarke at***

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