

## FEATURE REPORT:

### **The Network of East-West Women has the pleasure to present to you a report: Women and EU. An overview of attitudes and opinions of women from 10 EU Candidate Countries**

The report was developed as part of NEWW-Polska's activities in the project, "Gender and Economic Justice in EU Accession and Integration", funded by UNIFEM.

The Network of East-West Women-Polska has developed a "gender-sensitive" analysis of the opinion polls run by Eurobarometer and by the OBOP (Public Opinion Research Center in Poland).

This report presents the results from the ten Candidate Countries from the region of Central Europe and is focused on women. The primary aim of this report is to give an overview of how women from the Candidate Countries feel about various aspects of the European Union and how their opinions differ from men's point of view.

NEWW - Polska decided to write the report focused on women because there is a lack of gender disaggregated data and very often significant differences which exist in attitudes and opinions among women and men disappear in the general analysis. NEWW-Polska wants to use the report in planning its future activities but it is also meant as a reference for other organizations working on EU and women.

One can observe many significant differences in opinions, attitudes, expectation and knowledge about the issues connected with the European Union. An analysis of the expected role of the European Union in people's daily lives in five years varies significantly when we look at women and men. Much more men than women declared that they would vote for EU membership in the referendum (65% of male vs. 57% of female). Women are also much more undecided than men are 24% (only 13% of males gave "don't know" answer) said that they don't know if they vote for or against EU membership in the referendum. The

general trend in the report is that women gave the answer, "I don't know or I have no opinion answers" much more often than men did. They are also more pessimistic and expect less from EU than men do. According to the data, almost every citizen from the Candidate Countries is aware of the EU. The results show that only one third of respondents feel very well or well informed about the enlargement and accession processes. This data significantly varies between women and men around ten percent less women than men feel very well or well informed about the EU processes. The report also attempts to identify what information about the EU is most interesting for women. It appears to be: the Euro, Youth policy, Social policy, Regional policy, Pre-accession funds and institutions of the European Union.

The general trends observed in the research show that women are less aware of the European Union and its implications and they are more likely than men to lack an opinion. It shows the need of targeting women as a priority group for obtaining greater knowledge about the European Union, knowledge which will help women from the Candidate Countries successfully find their place in the new European reality.

To see the whole text of the report, please click here [www.neww.org.pl](http://www.neww.org.pl)

NEWW-Polska's team (These are: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. NEWW-Polska is focusing in its activities on the regions of Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), Newly Independent States (NIS) and Balkans. With regard to the EU accession process, we are looking closer at those ten countries from CEE.

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## What's On **PEACEWOMEN CALENDAR**

### **The Women and Cuba Collaboration invites you to participate in our annual women,s delegation to Cuba and Mexico October 2-14, 2002**

Participate in the 9th AWID International Forum on Women's Rights & Development, Re-thinking Globalization. The AWID Forum will bring together over one thousand women from around the world to develop strategies, share ideas and build skills for gender equality. Policy makers, grassroots activists, students and researchers will consider not only the economic, but also the political, social, ecological and cultural implications of a globalizing world on women's lives. For more information contact Cindy Domingo (206/782-2565 or gomojo@earthlink.net) or Jan Strout (206/547-0940 or janstrout@msn.com) or visit: <http://www.peacewomen.org/frame/calendar/cuba.html>

### **2002 Women Waging Peace Americas Regional Meeting November 1-9, 2002**

The fourth annual colloquium will be held at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 1-9, 2002. For more information about the regional meetings or colloquium, please contact Meghan Camirand at: [Meghan\\_Camirand@huntalternatives.org](mailto: Meghan_Camirand@huntalternatives.org).

<http://www.womenwagingpeace.net/content/whatwedo/rmtgs/index.asp>

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### **International Course: Gender and Peace Building, San Jose, Costa Rica November 18-24, 2002 / Application Deadline: October 8, 2002.**

\* Curso Internacional (en inglés): "Género y Construcción de Paz" / San José, Costa Rica / 18 al 24 de noviembre de 2002 / Plazo: 8 de octubre de 2002. Este curso aunará a no más de treinta participantes de una variedad de disciplinas y con diferentes contextos y experiencia. Para mayores informes, visite la página Web: <http://www.upeace.org>.

\* Cours international (en anglais): «Le genre et la construction de la paix» / San Jose, Costa Rica / 18 au 24 novembre, 2002 / Date limite: 8 octobre, 2002. Pour tous renseignements, veuillez visiter la page Web: <http://www.upeace.org>.

The International Course on Gender and the Challenge of Peace Building is an advanced one-week course organized by the Gender and Peace Studies Department at the University for Peace in collaboration with its international partners, including the University of Jyväskylä in Finland. The course will be given at the main campus of the University for Peace in San José, Costa Rica.

For more information, including application procedures, please visit the  
UPEACE Website at: <http://www.upeace.org>.

For more calendar events please visit: <http://www.peacewomen.org/frame/calendar/calendar.html>

## ANALYSIS OF 1325: TWO YEARS ON: WHAT HAPPENED SINCE THE PASSING OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325?

Some notable advances have been made since the first anniversary of the resolution of the Security Council on Women, Peace and Security - a wide range of activities and initiatives have emerged from the UN system, governments and non-governmental organizations. It is important to continue documenting the projects and programs around SC Resolution 1325 to monitor the progress and ensure all governments, UN agencies and NGOs are playing their role to ensure the implementation of 1325. This newsletter is a critical starting point of having regular updates on initiatives around SC Resolution 1325.

**\*\*\*PeaceWomen is interested in updating the One Year On document to produce a Two Year On document which will describe activities, initiatives, publications and decisions taken since October 2001 around Security Council Resolution 1325. Please send your submissions for Two Year On to [info@peacewomen.org](mailto:info@peacewomen.org) \*\*\***

The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security produced a document called One Year On, listing activities around Security Council Resolution 1325. The document describes the initiatives of Intergovernmental Bodies, Non-Governmental Organizations and Governments.

One Year On can be found on-line at: <http://www.peacewomen.org/un/UN1325/since1325.html> or in pdf form at:

### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PEACEWOMEN WORKING ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

#### Convening the Women's Caucus for the Johannesburg Meeting

At meetings of the CSD and preparatory meetings to the Earth Summit 2002, the meetings of the Women's Caucus are convened by the Women's Environment and Development Organisation: (WEDO)  
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#### Women's Caucus to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development: 2000 - 2002

##### The CSD NGO Women's Caucus

The CSD Women's Caucus is picking up the challenge of the process towards 2002, aiming to ensure gender mainstreaming of all decisions to be taken. The caucus is a working group of women and men who are interested in and working towards the mainstreaming of gender into sustainable development policies and practical implementation strategies.

The caucus works towards the recognition and adequate action on gender-related aspects of sustainable development issues by providing information and research as well as lobbying on recommendations based on up-to-date analyses and consultation within the caucus. The CSD Women's Caucus grew out of the 1991 Miami Conference, organized by WEDO, and its outcome document Women's Action Agenda for a Healthy Planet.

The women's caucus meets at the CSD Sessions, organizes side events and takes part in other caucus to ensure gender mainstreaming of NGO work. We lobby on the basis of position papers developed beforehand, make statements in negotiations and work on line-by-line amendments to text being negotiated. In between CSD Sessions, caucus members communicate via email, phone, fax, and post. We operate an open list server to prepare our positions and lobbying strategies, networking globally with interested organisations and individuals.

More information on the Women's Caucus can be found at: <http://www.earthsummit2002.org/wcaucus/2002/2002.htm>

For an extensive database of organizations worldwide working on women and peace issues, go to: <http://www.peacewomen.org/contacts/conindex.html>



## FEATURE REPORTS FOR PEACEWOMEN



### **Gendering Demilitarization as a Peacebuilding Tool**

**Vanessa Farr, Bonn International Conversion Center (BICC) Paper 20, p18.**

This report covers women and Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR). These activities are designed to facilitate disbanding military fighters and easing their transition back into society. They are often given priority at the cease of hostilities, as it is important to help former combatants settle into peacetime occupations. The DDR process is covered in paragraph 13 of Security Council Resolution 1325 that "Encourages all those involved in the planning for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration to consider the different needs of female and male ex-combatants and to take into account the needs of their dependents".

The report can be found at:

<http://www.bicc.de/general/paper20/content.html>

### **"Women's Rights Violations During the Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from August 2, 1998 to September 30, 2001"**

**Lisette Banza Mbombo and Christian Hemedi Bayolo**  
**The International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development**

This Report documents the horrors endured by war-affected women during a three-year period of an ongoing war in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The report is divided into two parts. The first offers a commentary on the situation of Congolese women in the context of the current armed conflict, and lays out the conditions for their effective participation in the ongoing peace process. The second part consists of appendices presenting the views of Congolese women on the suffering they have experienced, followed by a series of tables listing specific cases illustrative of the acts of violence committed.

The two authors call for the establishment by the United Nations of independent commissions of inquiry to "determine the full magnitude of the violence, and identify all those responsible, regardless of their status (political, military, civilian, official, non-official, national or foreign)... considering the gravity of the facts presented in this paper".

[Full report in English at:

<http://www.ichrdd.ca/frame.iphtml?langue=0> ]

[Full report in French at:

<http://www.ichrdd.ca/frame.iphtml?langue=1> ]

(This Item is Delivered to the English Service of the UN's IRIN humanitarian information unit, but may not necessarily reflect the views of the United Nations. Web:

<http://www.irinnews.org>.)

### **Weaving consensus: the Papua New Guinea-Bougainville Peace Process Conciliation**

The Bougainville Peace Agreement signed in 2001 brought to a definitive end the most violent conflict in the South Pacific since the Second World War. Triggered in part by disputes between indigenous local landowners and the international proprietors of the world's largest copper mine, violent resistance met an abusive response from the PNG security forces, resulting in a decade of displacement, death and violence. As the already diverse island society fractured, further violent internal conflicts erupted between different Bougainvillean groups. This publication, produced in collaboration with the Bougainville Inter-Church Women's Forum, documents an array of innovative peace initiatives that succeeded not only in ending the organized violence but also in weaving back together the diverse social fabric of Bougainville.

This resource can be found on the web at: <http://www.c-r.org/accord/accord12>

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 organizational building, please go to: <http://www.peacewomen.org/resources/resindex.html>

## CURRENT 1325 PEACEWOMEN E-NEWS

**NIGERIA: WOMAN SHOT DEAD DURING PROTEST AT TRANSNATIONALS' OFFICES**

August 9th, 2002 (IRIN): One woman was shot dead last Thursday in Nigeria's southern oil town of Warri when groups of women protesters besieged the premises of oil transnationals Royal/Dutch Shell and ChevronTexaco, witnesses said. Further details: <http://www.pambazuka.org/newsletter.php?id=9545>. For another article relating to women's protests against ChevronTexaco in Nigeria, refer to: <http://www.corpwatch.org/issues/PID.jsp?articleid=3428>

Support the women of the Niger Delta by writing to ChevronTexaco urging them to fulfill its part of the agreement that ended the siege on its oil terminal in Nigeria. <http://www.seen.org/pages/urgent.shtml>

**UN POPULATION FUND REJECTS FALSE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ITS WORK IN AFGHANISTAN NEW YORK, 16 August (UNFPA)**

-- The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) today expressed outrage over false allegations made by the Population Research Institute (PRI) that the United Nations is funding "abortion campaigns" among Afghan refugees. "This disinformation puts the lives of women, United Nations staff and international relief workers in danger", said Stirling Scruggs, Director of UNFPA's Information and External Relations Division. "No United Nations agency has provided funding for abortion or forced sterilization in Afghan refugee camps or anywhere else", Mr. Scruggs said. "UNFPA is providing life-saving services, which are urgently needed, because one in 17 Afghan women dies during childbirth." For more information please visit: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2002/afg204.doc.htm>

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