

“A 1325 Call to Action”

**Ministerial-level side event on Women, Peace and Security
25 September 2010, 9:30am – 12:00pm
UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4 (NLB)**

Background Note

Introduction

October 2010 marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security. In this resolution, the Security Council recognized that women's participation and the inclusion of gender equality concerns in all stages of prevention and resolution of conflict are integral to the maintenance of international peace and security. Since then, the Security Council has complemented its work in this area with three additional resolutions: 1820 (2008) and 1888 (2009) on prevention and response to sexual violence in conflict, and 1889 (2009) on women's participation in peacebuilding.

Progress towards achieving the goals outlined by resolution 1325 and the subsequent resolutions has been varied and slow. After 10 years, it is critical that the international community accelerates its action and adopts a strategic and systematic approach for the full and effective implementation of resolution 1325.

The Security Council is marking the 10th anniversary of resolution 1325 in a Ministerial-level Open Debate on 29 October 2010, and has expressed its intention to take action on a comprehensive set of indicators on this occasion to track implementation of resolution 1325 (S/PRST/2010/8).

“A 1325 Call to Action” Ministerial-level Side Event

In preparation for the upcoming 10th anniversary of resolution 1325, this event – open to all UN members – aims to provide an opportunity for Member States, UN agencies and civil society partners to move beyond reaffirming our common commitment to demonstrating concrete actions to achieve the women, peace and security agenda.

“A 1325 Call to Action” will introduce the idea of commitments for action and invite you to showcase initiatives – at national, regional and international levels – for strong, time-bound and measurable means to advance the women, peace and security agenda. Member States, UN Agencies and civil society partners are encouraged to highlight initiatives, including joint initiatives, which address some of the key challenges and gaps in our implementation of resolution 1325 and its related resolutions.

Please see the Annex for [Examples of Commitments](#)

Modalities

The event will be co-hosted by the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ministers of Austria, Canada (as Chair of the Group of Friends of Women, Peace and Security), Bangladesh, Chile, Liberia, Namibia, Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom, and the UN Civil Society Advisory Group on Women, Peace and Security, represented by its Co-chair Mary Robinson, who will also act as the moderator of this event.

Outcomes

A summary of the discussion highlighting commitments for action to implement resolution 1325 will be distributed to all Member States after the event. It will be shared with Security Council members in anticipation of the October open debate.

Moreover, a database will be introduced at the event, which will serve as a catalogue of time-bound, measurable and concrete action submitted by Member States, UN agencies and civil society partners.

ANNEX

Examples of Commitments for Implementing Security Council Resolution 1325

Participants are asked to focus their 2-3 minute interventions on concrete, time-bound, and measureable commitments on women, peace and security. We encourage participants to make joint-commitments where possible.

Please find below a list of **sample** commitments. This is not an exhaustive list.¹

Examples of Commitments:

- Commit to developing, adopting and implementing National Action Plan/Gender Strategy on UN SCRs 1325 and 1820 using a participatory, transparent process that involves the highest level of political leadership, all relevant government agencies, and civil society;
- Commit to ensuring that at least 50% of the names submitted to the UN, and/or other multilateral organizations, for the election or nomination of persons to positions of special representatives or special envoys, or other high-level positions relating to peace mediation, peace negotiation, or peace keeping, are women; *[Ref: OP 2/1325; OP 12/1820; OP 16/1888; OP 1/1889]*
- Commit to introducing policies to increase the proportion of women in national police and military forces to at least 20 % by 2015; *[Ref: OP 5/1325; OP 12/1889]*
- Commit to adopting a zero tolerance policy to sexual abuse and exploitation by national security forces and develop and implement mechanisms for investigating and sanctioning perpetrators of sexual abuse and exploitation; *[Ref: OP 8, 9, 11 /1325; OP 3,47,8/1820; OP 6,7, 8a, 17/1888; OP 3, 10, 7,20,21/1889]*
- Commit to supporting in-country rigorous vetting of Peacekeeping troops; *[Ref: OP 8 /1325; OP 7,8/1820; OP 7,20,21/1889]*
- Commit to mandating that, by 2014, the proportion of police and military personnel deployed to peacekeeping missions will be equal to the proportion of women in national police and military forces; *[Ref: OP 3,4,5/1325; 19/1888; OP 4/1889]*
- Commit to measures to protect women's and girls' human rights are included in national security policy frameworks; *[Ref: OP 5,6 /1325; OP 8,9/1820; OP 11, 12/1888; OP 7,8/1889]*

¹ This list of examples of possible commitments was compiled by UNIFEM and provides references to the related operational paragraphs of Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888, and 1889.

- Commit to ensuring that Terms of Reference for mediation teams include implementation of consultative mechanisms for ensuring women's participation; [Ref: OP 2, 8, 16 /1325; OP 12/1820; OP 16, 17/1888; OP 1/1889]
- Commit to establishing sexual violence desks within police forces and equipping them with specialized investigation equipment, such as rape kits, that enable them to gather forensic evidence associated with sexual violence; [Ref: OP 6,7,8,9,1011/1325; OP 1,2,3,4,6/1820; OP 1,2,3,6,7,8a,17,19,20,24/1888; OP 2,4,10/1889]
- Commit to ensuring pre-deployment training of peacekeeping troops and national security forces (in conflict-affected countries) on the 'UN's Analytical Inventory of Peacekeeping Practice for Addressing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Guidelines for Integrating Gender Perspectives' (using scenario-based training materials); [Ref: OP 5,6,7,9,17/1325; OP 4,8,9,15/1820; OP 3,6,7,811,12,24,25/1888; OP 2,3,5,6,7,8,10/1889]
- Commit to increasing and/or benchmarking financing for gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment in post-conflict situation, at 15% for example; [Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 1/1820; OP 13, 22/1888; OP 1,8,9,14,19/1889]
- Commit to ensuring availability of immediate-response personnel (including more women) to address women and girls' urgent needs, with particular respect to health, security and justice; [Ref: OP 5/1325; OP 12/1889]
- Commit to public administration reform of gender-discriminatory elements of the legislative frameworks and civil service recruitment /evaluation/ promotion, finance & expenditure management systems service delivery models and SSR; [Ref: OP 5/1325; OP 12/1889]
- Commit to targeting women as participants and beneficiaries in local-development, employment creation and frontline service-delivery programs in post-conflict situations (example: health, agricultural extension, education, management of natural resources); [Ref: OP 8,9/1325; OP 13/1820; OP 13/1888; OP 8,9,10/1889]
- Commit to support civil society organizations working on the women, peace, and security agenda by providing earmarked funds to these organizations or by establishing a fund that distributes resources to civil society organizations directly instead of channelling them through the UN or national governments; [Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 13/1820; OP 13/1888; OP 1,8,9,14/1889]
- Commit to support the participation of civil society-led groups and coalitions that demonstrate a commitment to peacemaking in mediating peace processes; [Ref: OP 2,8/1325; OP 12,13/1820; OP 13, 16/1888; OP 1,8,9,14/1889]
- Commit to provide financial and technical resources to improve the organizational capacity of women-led non-governmental organizations working on issues of peace and security; [Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 13/1820; OP 13/1888; OP 1,8,9,14/1889]

- Commit to ensuring women's participation among mediators, negotiators and technical experts in formal peace negotiations; *[Ref: OP 2 /1325; OP 12/1820; OP 16/1888; OP 1/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring women's participation in the justice, security and foreign service sectors; *[Ref: OP 1 /1325; OP 12/1820; OP 1/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring the level of women's political participation, with special reference to percentage of women:
 - registered to vote
 - who actually vote
 - parliamentary candidates
 - in parliaments
 - in ministerial positions;*[Ref: OP 1 /1325; OP 12/1820; OP 1/1889]*
- Commit to collecting and monitoring information on the prevalence and incidence of sexual violence; *[Ref: OP 9,10 /1325; OP 1,2,3,4/1820; OP 1,2,3,4/1888; OP 2/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring the reporting, investigation and prosecution of violations of women's and girls' human rights, including SGBV; *[Ref: OP 8,9,11/1325; OP 3,4/1820; OP 6,7, 8a, 17/1888; OP 3, 10/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring the extent to which national laws to protect women's and girls' human rights are in line with international standards; *[Ref: OP 7,9/1325; OP 4/1820; OP 3,6,7, 8/1888; OP 2,3,10/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring women's and girl's physical security; *[Ref: OP 9,11 /1325; OP 1,5/1820; OP 6, 10/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring the per capita training of decision-making personnel in security and justice sector institutions to address SGBV cases; *[Ref: OP 6,7 /1325; OP 3,4,6/1820; OP 19,20/1888; OP 4/1889]*
- Monitoring the commitments made to the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/15):
 - Existence of a national coordination agency or National Focal Point on Small Arms and Light Weapons
 - Record keeping on holdings and transfers of Small Arms and Light Weapons;*[Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 6, 10/1889]*
- Commit to monitoring the proportion of budgets related to targets that address gender equality issues in strategic planning framework; *[Ref: OP 8a/1325; OP 8,9,22/1888; OP 10/1889]*

- Commit to monitoring the proportion of disbursed funds used to address gender equality issues (example: application of a gender marker system on funds); [Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 13/1820; OP 13,22/1888; OP 1,8,9,14,19/1889]
- Commit to establishing a standard operating procedure that funding for peace negotiations will be contingent upon there being at least 30% women on each mediation and negotiation team; [Ref: OP 2, 8, 16 /1325; OP 12/1820; OP 16, 17/1888; OP 1/1889]
- Commit to contributing to trust funds to support women's participation in peace negotiations and/or to support women's and civil society's participation in donor conferences; [Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 13/1820; OP 13/1888; OP 1,8,9,14/1889]
- Commit to providing financial and technical resources to support the development and implementation of Regional Action Plans and other regional approaches to dealing with cross-border conflict; [Ref: OP 8a, 16/1325; OP 12/1820; OP 8,9,17,22/1888; OP 1,10/1889]
- Commit to increasing financing to gender equality and women's and girl's empowerment in post-conflict situations; [Ref: OP 8/1325; OP 1/1820; OP 13, 22/1888; OP 1,8,9,14,19/1889]
- Commit to providing financial & technical resources to disseminate and train UN officials, implementing agencies, humanitarian NGOs, host governments, and affected women on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee 2005 *Guidelines for Gender-based Violence Interventions in Humanitarian Settings: Focusing on Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence in Emergencies*; [Ref: OP 5,6,7,9,17/1325; OP 4,8,9,15/1820; OP 3,6,7,8,11,12,24,25/1888; OP 2,3,5,6,7,8,10/1889]
- Commit to supporting DPA's Mediation Strategy called for in OP4/1889, which through appropriate training, increases the women's participation in United Nations political, peacebuilding and peacekeeping missions; [Ref: OP 2,8,16/1325; OP 12/1820; OP 16,17/1888; OP 1/1889]
- Commit to supporting and investing in reparations programs and truth and reconciliation commissions from a gender perspective; [Ref: OP 8,9,11/1325; OP 4,10,13/1820; OP 6,7,8a,13,17/1888; OP 3,9,10/1889]
- Commit to 'Access to Justice' programming which builds constituencies to demand greater accountability for women in post-conflict justice processes, with a particular focus on redress for SGBV crimes (including investments in legal aid, law enforcement, and initiatives which provide the necessary infrastructure for women to report violations, including places of safety and access to transport); [Ref: OP 7, 8,9,11/1325; OP 3,4/1820; OP 3,6,7,8,17/1888; OP 2,3,10/1889]
- Commit to supporting international efforts to end impunity for the most serious crimes committed against women, including by supporting the International Criminal Court and other relevant tribunals through cooperation, financial contributions and diplomatic support; [Ref: OP 11/1325; OP 4/1820; OP 3/1889]