

## First Intervention By Abigail Ruane, Women's International League For Peace And Freedom (WILPF) To The Peacebuilding Commission, 30 June 2017

As we have heard today, gender equality and conflict prevention are critical for sustainable peace.

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has worked for over one hundred years to move from political economies of war to political economies of gender justice and peace. My colleagues are even now working next door to ban nuclear weapons as a part of our work to stigmatise war and move instead toward positive peace based on women's human security and livelihoods.