

**ADVANCING UNSC RESOLUTION 1325: PRIORITY ACTIONS AS DETERMINED DURING THE
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, 48TH SESSION
10 March 2004**

The NGO Working Group on Peace (Geneva)¹ and the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security (New York)² hosted a brainstorming session on 10 March 2004 entitled *UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Moving Forward*. Over 60 people attended the session, including representatives of UN agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who participated in the 48th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), held at UN Headquarters in New York.

The brainstorming session brought together a range of individuals and constituencies to generate targeted actions/strategies to advance Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. After developing a sizeable list of recommendations, participants identified the following set of priority actions they will take during 2004-2005.

PRIORITY ACTIONS: 2004-2005

1. **Encourage governments to respond to the UN questionnaire on implementation of 1325** (from the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues, UN Secretariat) for the Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (October 2004) and to consult civil society, and in particular, women's groups, in drafting their responses.
2. **Produce "alternative" reports** on what governments have and have not done to implement Resolution 1325 to coincide with the Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (October 2004) and the review and appraisal of the Beijing Platform for Action (+10) in 2005.
3. **Become more informed about Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** and identify possible areas of intervention during coordination segment on gender mainstreaming in the UN system in July 2004.
4. **Make a general statement** directed at all relevant actors in the UN system demanding that:
 - Women participate fully and equally, and a gender perspective be incorporated, in each and every action taken by the UN in the area of peace and security.
 - Governments and delegations that do not comply with resolution 1325 be held accountable.
5. **Create and maintain an informal network** of people concerned with resolution 1325. The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security (New York) and the NGO Working Group on Peace (Geneva) will coordinate and communicate with an informal network of women, men, boys and girls around the world demanding the full and rapid implementation of resolution 1325.
6. **Partner with women** across areas of expertise, ages, organizations, and subsets of the peace movement. **Link with and involve men and boys** who are committed to peace and gender equality. **Inform friends and family** about these issues and use the media to increase awareness of resolution 1325.
7. **Develop community-based and country-specific advocacy tools for the implementation of 1325.** Use the model of existing advocacy tools, such as those developed by the Gender and Peacebuilding Working Group of the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee, and the PeaceWomen Project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, UN Office.

¹ The NGO Working Group on Peace was revitalized in December 2000 and now comprises 47 NGOs focusing primarily on peace and disarmament issues as they relate to the promotion and protection of the human rights of women and girls. Using resolution 1325 as a guiding tool, the group examines questions relating to peace from a gender perspective, in particular issues of conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peace-building, reconciliation, peace education and human security. Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) currently co-chair the working group.

² The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security was formed in May 2000 to call for a Security Council resolution on women, peace and security. Following the unanimous adoption of resolution 1325 in October 2000, the group now focuses on working towards its full implementation. The working group currently consists of the Hague Appeal for Peace, International Alert, International Women's Tribune Centre, Women's Action for New Directions, the Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. For more information, see www.peacewomen.org/un/ngo/wg.html.