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Talking Points

- Without security, there is no sustainable development, without human rights there is no security.
- The Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission, chaired by Hans Blix, issued a report noting the need for multi-year financial support for NGOs; the panel should include this recommendation in its report as well.
- In meetings such as the July 2nd Coherence Panel Consultations, the panel should consider how to integrate civil society in a more substantive way. WILPF demonstrated success with the roundtable method in the lead-up to the Human Rights Council, where NGO, government and agency sat around a table and participated as equals.
- Res. 1325 is about gender integration, not merely mainstreaming.
- To ensure that mainstreaming is actually effective, there is a need for a high-level institutionalized commitment- for example, Jayantha Dhanapala, as Under Secretary General for the Department for Disarmament Affairs, was personally committed to the idea of gender mainstreaming, and the 2002 DDA gender mainstreaming action plan was developed under his watch. However, since he has left the department, there has been no implementation of that plan. Mechanisms need to be put into place so that the implementation of agreements is not solely related to the individual.