



November 30th, 2016

CONCEPT NOTE

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL - OPEN ARRIA FORMULA MEETING "SYNERGIES BETWEEN SC RESOLUTIONS ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)".

Date/Time: December 5th, 2016 / 10:00 to 12:00 hours.

Room: Conference Room 1

Format/Participation: Open to attendance by all Member States and civil society. (Member States will be able to participate depending on the availability).

Panel Presentations:

- Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Programme UN Women
- Ms. Pramila Patten, Chair of the CEDAW Task Force on GR 30
- Ms. Maria Victoria Cabrera-Balleza, International Coordinator, Global Network of Women Peacebuilders

Background

The Security Council High Level Review of UNSCR 1325 and the Global Study on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) conducted in 2015 brought a global momentum to the implementation of the women and peace and security agenda. They led to the adoption of UNSCR 2242 (2015); formation of the Informal Expert Group on Women, Peace and Security; and generated more contributions to the Global Acceleration Instrument for women, peace and security and humanitarian action among the many accomplishments.

The Global Study also underscored the need to enhance system-wide accountability, coordination and coherence in order to effectively accelerate implementation of the WPS agenda. In this regard, among its recommendations the Global Study calls upon the Members States to "*ratify, remove reservations to, and fully implement the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)*", and report on the implementation of obligations relating to women, peace and security in regular reporting to the CEDAW Committee and other treaty bodies.

Prior to the Global Study, in UNSCR 2122 (2013), the Security Council recognized the importance of CEDAW and its Optional Protocol to the WPS agenda, and urged Member States to ratify both documents.



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Objectives

- To exchange views concerning the synergies between the Security Council Resolutions on WPS and CEDAW and how a congruent implementation could strengthen and reinforce each instruments' efficacy.
- To enhance the effectiveness of the Security Council Framework on 1325 by reporting to CEDAW on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 and the supporting women and peace security resolutions.
- To generate support for a more integrative approach to the implementation of international laws and policies across the UN system.

Key Issues:

- The implementation of the SC Resolution 1325, other WPS Resolutions and CEDAW are mutually reinforcing. CEDAW has almost universal ratification (189 Member States have ratified it).
- The use of CEDAW General Recommendation No. 30 on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations will improve, in particular, the Member States' monitoring and reporting of the implementation of UNSCR 1325.
- The use of CEDAW GR 30 will further strengthen collaboration with civil society as they have integrated CEDAW GR 30 in the implementation and monitoring of the WPS resolutions as reflected in their CEDAW shadow reports.

No outcome document is planned for adoption at this meeting.