

Prevention of war
Protection of women
Participation of women in peace negotiations

Recommendations by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Europe (WILPF Europe) on the implementation of the UN-Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889 in Europe
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With reference to the Civil Society recommendations on the implementation of UN-Security Council Resolution 1325 in Europe of September 2009

(<http://www.eplo.org/documents/Recommendations1325.pdf>)

the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Europe

recalls

that the European Union can play an important role in implementing SCR 1325, 1820, 1888 and 1889 in Europe, in addition to supporting individual EU Member State actions; and

affirms in particular

that the EU Task Force on Women, Peace and Security should actively follow up on its commitment to develop indicators for the protection and empowerment of women in conflict settings and post-conflict situations, as outlined in the Comprehensive Approach;

that the EC delegations should share information and consult with civil society organisations, including local women's groups, where they are active in countries affected by conflict, integrate SCR 1325 and 1820 into the analysis for country strategy papers in conflict and post-conflict countries, and include earmarked financial resources to support local women's organisations;

that the European Parliament should monitor the implementation of the Comprehensive Approach and the upcoming Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in EU External Action. It can also help to ensure the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Violence Against Women and Girls, and to ensure that SCR 1325 and 1820 as well as 1888, 1889 are prioritised in EC financial instruments to ensure adequate funding for gender issues and support for CSOs in conflict-affected contexts.

Furthermore, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Europe recommends

that the EU establishes an expert-position/mechanism on Gender, Peace and Security to co-ordinate the work of the EU on these issues with a mandate that is similar to the UN Special Rapporteurs;

that the European Parliament passes a resolution on the minimum standard of a national action plan for the implementation of SCR 1325, 1820, 1888. The resolution on the minimum standard should integrate the recommendations for national ac-

tion plans defined by the above mentioned declaration of September 2009 (<http://www.eplo.org/documents/Recommendations1325.pdf>), in particular on feasible targets, clear schedules, strong leadership, defined accountability, fixed quotas on the participation of women, control-, evaluation- and monitoring mechanisms as well as adequate resources;

that the EU establishes obligatory Gender-Awareness-Trainings for all participants in military and humanitarian operations and programs;

that the EU supports the ending of impunity efforts and criminal prosecution of sexual violence against women and children as a criminal act and war crime.

Lastly, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Europe points to the large amount of good-practice examples for the participation of women in conflict solutions that are documented on the WILPF website - www.peacewomen.org.

WILPF Europe defined these recommendations during several meetings in Brussels, which were accompanied by visits at numerous European Institutions. The meetings took place between March 2nd and 4th, 2010 and were initiated by Barbara Lochbihler, MEP and Greens/EFA on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the SCR 1325.

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