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Committee: **The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women**

Topic: Measures to ensure the protection of female civilians in conflict areas

Signatories: Albania, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Ghana, El Salvador, Ecuador, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Guyana, India, Iran, Mongolia, Nigeria, Paraguay, Pakistan, Switzerland, United Kingdom

1 *The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women),*

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3 *Bearing in mind* the purposes and principles of the *Charter of the United Nations* and the primary responsibility of
4 UN Women for the enhancement of gender equality and empowerment of women as well as the maintenance of in-
5 ternational peace,

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7 *Expressing its deep concern* at women's and girl's exacerbated vulnerability in armed conflict, as they are often seen
8 as a war strategy to devastate vulnerable populations used by armed groups and state security forces,

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10 *Emphasizing* that national and global peace are feasible and inextricably linked with the advancement of women,
11 who are a fundamental force for conflict resolution and the promotion of long-term peace,

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13 *Calling attention* to ensure respect for international law, including humanitarian law, in order to protect female civil-
14 ians in particular,

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16 *Recalling* the articles 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the *Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency*
17 *and Armed Conflict* proclaimed by the General Assembly A/RES/3318 of December 1974,

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19 *Keeping in mind* the importance of the commitments of the *Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action* declaring
20 that "Women's rights are human rights",

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22 *Affirming* the Kigali principles and the Geneva Convention of 1949 and its Additional Protocols that underline the
23 necessity of the protection of civilians,

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25 *Recalling* S/RES/1325 adopted in 2000 regarding the involvement of women to limit gender-based violence in con-
26 flict areas,

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29 1. *Emphasizes* the importance of women's participation in sectors such as:

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31 a. Prevention processes as all member States shall:

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33 i. Encourage the integration of more women in police and military forces by setting pathways to
34 a long-term professional careers;
- 35 ii. Work with local actors and like-minded partners to ensure local jobs in order to make women
36 independent with the help of the Women Economics Empowerment program (WEE) that pro-
37 vides opportunities for gainful economic activities and wealth creation;
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39 iii. Help local actors to raise awareness about women's rights in remote country sides with a tech-
40 nical and financial support;
- 41 iv. Raise awareness about sexual violence during armed conflicts by supporting the International
42 Campaign to Stop Gender Violence and Rape in Conflict;
- 43 v. Assist in developing open and secure infrastructures and networks by offering access to in-
44 formation on peace processes through traditional and social media but also through United
45 Nations specific bodies such as the United Nations Children's Fund or the World Health Or-
46 ganization whether it is through their websites or during their awareness campaigns;

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48 b. Education processes by:

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50 i. Ensuring basic education for young girls and older women in order to fight against illiteracy
51 in the concerned areas and reintegrate marginalized women into social life through collaborat-
52 ing with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) by informing schools and teachers of the

- 53 International Campaigns to Stop Gender-related Violence in Conflicts and try to overcome the
54 deeply anchored cultural and social taboo about rape;
- 55 ii. Guaranteeing the information sharing regarding women's rights and their legal rights by
56 working with associations like the Global Rights for Women and Ciudad Mujer;
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- 58 2. *Underlines* the necessity of training courses:
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- 60 a. Within the governmental security force bodies and humanitarian associations;
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- 62 b. In gender-sensitive pre-deployment missions for the participants of peacekeeping and peacebuilding
63 missions by:
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- 65 i. Helping women to express their traumas and experiences in conflict zones by providing safe
66 spaces for discussion in existing regional offices;
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- 68 ii. Establishing a list of priorities stating their specific needs and materials made by local women ;
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- 70 c. With both private sectors and Civil Society Organization partnerships in order to help women to gain
71 economic independence in collaboration with the WEE;
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- 73 3. *Further requests* the improvement of healthcare services in conflict areas by co-acting with World Health Orga-
74 nization's UN System-wide Action Plan and by:
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- 76 a. Providing effective healthcare services and medical assistance such as but not limited to:
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- 78 i. Building psychological trauma treatment centers;
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- 80 ii. Organizing social forums both in affected and non-affected areas;
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- 82 iii. Ensuring safe and easy access to sanitary facilities and family planning services (contracep-
83 tion, processes of abortion of pregnancies resulting from rape);
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- 85 b. Ensuring trainings to medical sectors' and healthcare services staff;
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- 87 c. Enhancing already existing healthcare systems by providing extra funding from national budgets, fund-
88 ing donors and from the private sector;
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- 90 4. *Strongly suggests* the enforcement of security measures by:
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- 92 a. Facilitating volunteers' access;
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- 94 b. Supporting emergency operations and the deployment of armed forces;
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- 96 i. Provided with medical training to bring immediate healthcare assistance and basic sanitation as
97 well as sensitivity trainings to make them aware of the mental and psychological struggles;
98 Preferably led by women in order to protect female civilians;
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- 100 c. Encouraging governments and victims to sue prosecutors:
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- 102 i. By facilitating access to justice to all and calling International Court of Justice and the Legal
103 committee to take law enforcement measures;
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- 105 ii. Whether the crimes are committed by Governments, security forces, extremist groups such as
106 ISIS or Boko Haram;
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- 108 d. Highlighting the necessity of building safe zones for women and children in refugee camps;

- 108 5. *Further invites* to develop the peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions with the UN Peacekeeping operations
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111 a. Improving data collection on the subject of the nature of crimes and gender-based violence in order to
112 identify figures related to victims and their prosecutors, UN Women is willing to work hand in hand
113 with the UN Statistics Division:
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115 i. At the regional level by gathering information from Non-Governmental Organizations and
116 women's organizations
117 ii. At the State level by ensuring neutral data collection;
118 iii. At the International level by calling for an international cooperation between member States
119 through, for example, intergovernmental bodies;
120 iv. And ensuring an annual public report of findings in order to secure transparency of infor-
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123 b. Gathering financial, material and humanitarian supports from Member States according to their capaci-
124 ties;
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126 c. Ensuring peacekeeping and peacebuilding missions in post-conflict societies by:
127 i. Supporting the Government and local structures to integrate gender concerns in the national
128 development processes;
129 ii. Enhancing the economic independence of women
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133 6. *Expresses its hope* to extend and adapt the application of all the previous operative clauses to armed and non-
134 armed conflicts regarding the situations of:
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136 a. Ethnical conflicts;
137 b. Religious conflicts;
138 c. Regional conflicts;
139 d. Illicit human and drug trafficking, including slavery and forced prostitution situations;
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142 7. *Calls upon* the reinforcement of partnerships between already existent UN Security Council, UN bodies and
143 committees, on taking effective measures to ensure the solutions found by UN Women;
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145 8. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
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