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## Letter from the Executive Board

Dear Delegates,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all as the Executive Board to the United Nations Security Council at the KIITMUN 2022. Please note that this background guide is to be used as a direction for your research. You are expected to do your own research as well. Your real research lies beyond this guide and I am eager to see all of you discussing possible solutions together, applying all of your extensive research and great knowledge of the topics discussed in this committee.

Understanding both the importance and complexity of this agenda, I strongly recommend you to be prepared and well researched in committee, and at the same time request you to participate at all times, making it a learning experience for all of us. During the course of this committee, I will be looking forward to putting you all in various **diplomatic/negotiating** practices that may be required to give more substantiation to the discussions. Please note, the committee may or may not continue **longer than expected** based on the level of arguments made. You are advised to be prepared for all possible courses during these three days. In addition, I am open to all documentations that you may wish to present in committee. These documentations could be in the form of a **Note Verbale, Presentation or a Legal Frameworks** pertaining to the application of the WPS principles in any manner.

I strongly hope that you all will come researched and motivated to discuss the situation at hand, brainstorm together to find solutions of the same, applying legal frameworks and in the process, take back a lot from the committee. My goal for you in this committee is to have an enriching experience by learning the art of diplomacy and at the same time see you solve real-life problems happening in this world.

Regards,

Swapneel Thakur, President.



## Agenda - Women, Peace and Security

### A short overview

The Women, Peace and Security agenda has the potential to significantly advance societal change and knowledge in the areas of conflict prevention, human rights protection, and post-conflict rehabilitation. However, there is a significant gap between the lofty goals of WPS supporters and the shoddy progress achieved by influential institutions in achieving these stated in Resolution 1325. In fact, the main contention of the 2015 Global Study on the Implementation of 1325, **"Preventing Conflict, Transforming Justice, Securing Peace,"** commissioned by the UN Secretary-General, was that **"a large portion of the progress toward the implementation of resolution 1325 continues to be measured in 'firsts,' rather than as standard practise"**. In addition to UNSCR 1325, seven other subsequent resolutions (1820, 1888, 1889, 1960, 2106, 2122 and 2242) form an integral part of any contemporary discussion on Women, Peace and Security. While major policy and security forums have continued to appeal to State institutions to scale up their commitments to implementing this agenda, several issues including **prevention of conflict and promoting peace process** have been an area that lacks progress.

This can be well traced to the multiple Secretary General and Special Rapporteur reports which documented the rise in gender-based violence. This not only hinders the participation of women in local conflict prevention and peace building processes but also leaves behind a larger aftermath of damage and displacement among the community. In recent years, the Security Council was seen to have taken a more pragmatic approach with regards **victim reconciliation**. After recognising the various acts of criminal intent during conflict situations in UNSCR 2242 and 2331, the Security Council affirmed a **survivor centric approach** in 2467 which prioritised the needs of survivors in various domains such as health, education and social participation. Their proper care and effective repatriation would not only help in reducing the trauma inflicted but also propel their interest to participate in the needs of others. However, conflict settings differ from region to region which essentially put such mechanisms to question when applying in local landscapes. For instance, a conflict in the Central African Republic and a conflict in Syria have very different actors and motivations. **Therefore, a central theme of**



**this committee would be to look at the practical applicability of agreed principles based on various themes that this agenda contains.**

### **Selective Case Studies**

*UNAMID in Darfur* constituted a Gender Advisory Unit (GAU) which drew its mandate from UNSCR 1769 and 2113 based on the principles enshrined in 1325. The GAU facilitated the establishment of many on the ground mechanisms such as the Women Legislative Caucuses (WLC), GBV States Committees, 1325 Committees in the five Darfur States. GAU also reached out to state governments, the Darfur Regional Authority, civil society, internally displaced peoples, local leaders, women, localities and communities to mobilise support and advocate for the resolution of gender issues affecting Darfur. The primary focus was to increase women's participation in peace processes and governance, and protection of women and girls from sexual and gender-based violence, women's equitable access to services and resources and women's socio-economic empowerment. The unit also ensured adequate implementation of Doha Document for Peace in Darfur related to gender mainstreaming, monitoring and evaluation. The early recovery response of the gender advisory unit focuses on economic, social and political empowerment of women in Darfur. This was done by increasing awareness about the women's potential, capacities and rights, and developing an enabling environment for women's active and equitable participation in the entire decision making and recovery related processes. The unit in partnership with other UNAMID sections and UN agencies mobilised the resources necessary for early recovery interventions.

*The MINUSTAH in Haiti* constituted a Gender Office which provided active training courses on gender issues to CivPol and the mission's international staff on: **i. the roles played by men and women in societies ii. the changes that wars/crises bring to these roles iii. the involvement of women in the political, socio-economic life of the country.** The Office, in cooperation with CivPol and the Haitian National Police (PNH), also worked to strengthen reception structures in police stations for women victims of violence. A premises for the reception of victims was developed and the sensitised training of Haitian police officers for better management of registered cases was conducted, especially with regard to sexual violence against women. The Office supported various mobilisation efforts

of the "Network of Women Candidates to Win" as part of the electoral process. In cooperation with the MINUSTAH Integrated Training Centre, the Office organised training sessions for groups of women from different political parties running for election with the aim of building confidence in their own capacities. Some of these included how to communicate and make a presentation in front of a camera, how to develop a project, implement it and follow up, such as managing stress, how to build a team, etc.

### Notable Readings

1.	Dianne Otto, "Women Peace and Security: A Critical Analysis of the Security Council's Vision" <i>University of Melbourne Research Paper No. 705</i>	<a href="#">Women, Peace and Security: A Critical Analysis of the Security Council's Vision by Dianne Otto :: SSRN</a>
2.	Maria Jansson and Maud Eduards, "The politics of gender in the UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security" <i>International Feminist Journal of Politics</i> vol. 18 no. 4	<a href="#">The politics of gender in the UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security   Jansson, Maria; Eduards, Maud   download (booksc.xyz)</a>
3	Sahla Aroussi, "Women, Peace and Security': Addressing Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence" <i>Gender, Governance and International Security</i>	<a href="#">'Women, Peace and Security': Addressing Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence   Aroussi, Sahla   download (booksc.xyz)</a>

4	Nicole George, Laura J Shepherd "Women, Peace and Security: Exploring the implementation and integration of UNSCR 1325" <i>International Political Science Review</i>	<a href="#">Women, Peace and Security: Exploring the implementation and integration of UNSCR 1325: free download. Ebooks library. On-line books store on Z-Library (booksc.xyz)</a>
5.	Jennifer Thomas, "The Woman, Peace and Security Agenda and Feminist Institutionalism: A Research Agenda" <i>International Studies Review</i> Vol. 21 no. 4	<a href="#">The Women, Peace, and Security Agenda and Feminist Institutionalism: A Research Agenda   Thomson, Jennifer   download (booksc.xyz)</a>
6.	Maria Martin de Almagro, "Producing Participants: Gender, Race, Class and Women, Peace and Security	<a href="#">Producing Participants: Gender, Race, Class, and Women, Peace and Security   Martin de Almagro, Maria   download (booksc.xyz)</a>



7.	Paul Kirby and Laura J Shephard, “Women, Peace, and Security: Mapping the (Re) Production of a Policy Ecosystem” <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i> , vol. 6 no. 3	<a href="#">Women, Peace, and Security: Mapping the (Re)Production of a Policy Ecosystem   Journal of Global Security Studies   Oxford Academic (oup.com)</a>
8.	Fionnuala ni Aolain, “The ‘war on terror’ and extremism: assessing the relevance of the women, peace and security agenda” <i>International Affairs</i> vol. 92 no. 2	<a href="#">The ‘war on terror’ and extremism: assessing the relevance of the Women, Peace and Security agenda   NÍ AOLÁIN, FIONNUALA   download (booksc.xyz)</a>
9.	Laura J Shepherd, “Making war safe for the women? National Action Plans and the militarisation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda” <i>International Political Science Review</i>	<a href="#">Making war safe for women? National Action Plans and the militarisation of the Women, Peace and Security agenda - Laura J Shepherd, 2016 (sagepub.com)</a>
10.	Torunn. L. Tryggestad, “Trick or Treat? The UN and Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security	<a href="#">Trick or Treat? The UN and Implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security   Tryggestad, Torunn L.   download (booksc.xyz)</a>

