

Beijing+20 factsheet - Area E: Women and Armed Conflict



Policy Context

Both women and men are affected by armed conflicts, in various ways as those suffering from economic consequences. Women constitute a large part of the civilian population and as such are particularly affected by conflicts, as their exposure to the risk of large-scale sexual abuse, trafficking, displacement and slavery is higher. Due to their roles in social sustainability, women and girls are often confronted with specific forms of violence, the consequences of which persist even after the war has ended (e.g. unwanted pregnancy as a result of rape, higher rates of contracting sexually transmitted diseases). Sexual violence in armed conflict often constitutes an instrument of war. Women constitute significantly the peace and reconstruction activities after armed conflicts and play an important role in conflict resolution.

Plan of Action on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Development (2010-15)

- Highlight the necessity to provide long-term protection measures in armed conflict.
- Stress the importance to support women's participation in peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction.
- Call for the enhancement of women's political participation.

Council of the European Union: Comprehensive Approach to the EU implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on women, peace and security

- Advances the progress in protecting and empowering women in conflict and in post-conflict situations using specific indicators.

The European Parliament

- Recalls the importance of incorporating a gender perspective into all phases of CSDP operations (Resolution of 16 March 2010 on the implementation of the European Security Strategy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)).

- UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on women, peace and security cover the training of deployed staff.

- Stresses the need to implement the resolution promptly (Resolution of 23 November 2010 on the 10th anniversary of UN Security Council's Resolutions 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security).

- Highlights women's participation in peace operations and military and civilian peace-keeping operations and the consequences of conflicts for women (Resolution of 2 February 2012 on women's equality in war).

The strategic objectives of the BPfA and the EU indicators

- E1.** Increase the participation of women in conflict resolution at decision-making levels and prevent women being in situations of armed and other conflicts or other dangerous situations.
- E2.** Reduce excessive military expenditures and ensure the availability of armaments.
- E3.** Promote appropriate forms of conflict resolution and ensure the existence of human rights observance in conflict situations.
- E4.** Promote women's contribution to forming a culture of peace.
- E5.** Foster protection, education and training to empower women, after situations occur in areas of international protection and internally displaced women.
- E6.** Promote measures to protect the victims and survivors of gender violence.

During the Report Period of the Council of the EU in 2010, the indicators to monitor the implementation of this area were prepared and adopted. The indicators measure the coverage of diplomatic, defence and peace-keeping staff and the level of human and financial resources devoted to addressing

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