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Invitation to a Public Discussion hosted by NGO Working Group on Peace and the GCSP

Marking the 10th anniversary of the passage of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, it is our pleasure to invite you to a public discussion entitled

“10 years after UN SCR 1325: Conflict Prevention Mechanisms”
on Thursday 2 September 2010, 10:00 to 13:00, at the GCSP (Kruzel Hall)

Convened jointly by the **NGO Working Group on Peace**, (co-chaired by *Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom* and *Femmes Africa Solidarité*), and the **Geneva Centre for Security Policy**, the discussion will examine the practical implementation of the affirmations on prevention inscribed in UN SCR 1325.

Security Council Resolution 1325 reaffirms the “*important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building, and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution.*”

To identify tension or violence, it is vital to have a timely and accurate understanding of developments suggesting that conflict may be imminent. To this end, conflict early warning systems developed in unstable areas measure the prevalence of conflict indicators so that volatile situations may be monitored and responded to effectively. Since conflict has significant and singular consequences for women, these early-warning systems must be gender-sensitive in design and implementation. Key discussion issues:

- **Once conflict indicators signal alarm, what can be done to prevent the outbreak or escalation of violent conflict?**
- **What prevention mechanisms exist at local, national, regional, and international levels to allow women to avert violent confrontation? How can they be used?**
- **What barriers are obstructing local women’s access to these mechanisms? How might these be removed?**

Our distinguished panel will address these questions from their distinct vantage points:

Ms Mary Robinson Founder of *Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative*; former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; former President of Ireland

Ms Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda General Secretary, *World YWCA*

Ms Elisabeth Rehn Board of Directors, *Trust Fund for Victims, International Criminal Court*

Ms Igballe Rugova Executive Director, *Kosovo Women’s Network*

Chair:

Ms Madeleine Rees Secretary General, *Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)*

This invitation is extended to the diplomatic community in Geneva, UN staff, academia, as well as representatives of NGOs.

This meeting will provide an opportunity to exchange innovative views on best policy and practices in conflict prevention.

We hope that you will be able to honour us with your presence on this occasion.

Following the discussion, a light buffet lunch will be served in the GCSP reception area from 13:00 to 13:45.

Please register online: [here](#) by Wednesday 1 September 2010, 16:00 at the latest.

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