

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to share with you the roadmap of WOMEN PEACE & SECURITY 2020, adopted by UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000);

I look forward to hear your personal comments and suggestions, considering that it will be useful for the Women in Diplomacy studies.

We represent different cultures and countries. As we are generally business people, we are familiar with the society we live in. Being Honorary Consuls we are also involved in International relations.

Therefore we can witness 'Gender Equality' in the diplomatic life perspective as we are working in a worldwide network.

Besides, we can openly share different views on societies and other social and cultural structures.

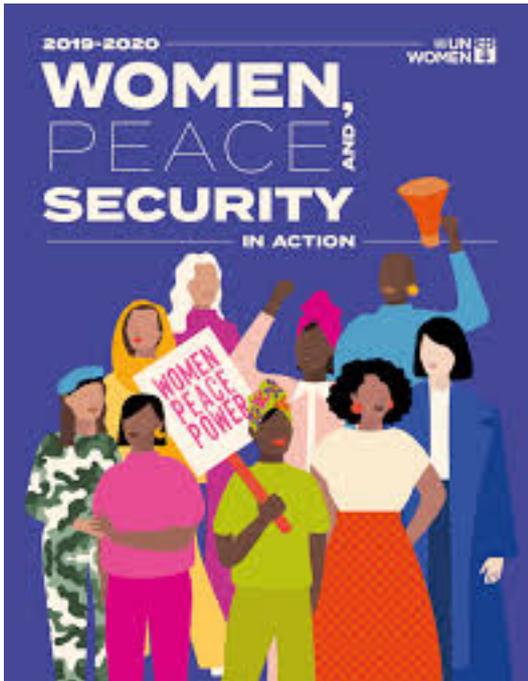
As FICAC's Women in Diplomacy Committee, we can make sure that FICAC's voice be heard, sharing this information with the organizations such as WPS, Unitar, the UN WOMEN, WEDO, GGCA, CEDAW, UNRIC.

I would appreciate to receive your personal opinions and suggestions as soon as possible.

Kind Regards



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Women Peace and Security

Studies conducted over the past 20 years have revealed that ‘gender inequality’ is a fundamental indicator of conflicts and the instability in the world.

It is clear that, infrastructure regulations are necessary to address ‘gender equality’ widely. This practice starts with the protection and promotion of human rights and requirements for in-depth study of discriminatory structures and institutions.

For the past year however, it has become clear once again why women’s rights should be at the center of the struggle against COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Pandemic affects the disabled, the elderly, the poor, the displaced, and the marginalized people such as SOGIESC, increasing the gender, racial, economic, and political inequalities.

The WPS agenda is a call to the UN Security Council, and the Member States to mobilize their efforts to enforce the full scope of human rights and defense commitments.

Therefore, the WPS advocates an objective approach and strong leadership of the UN Security Council, and the Member States on the importance of ‘gender equality’ and human rights, maintaining peace and security.

WPS advocates systematic unification of gender analysis and WPS obligations of the Countries discussions according to different levels of their social structures on the Security Council agenda;

‘Gender equality’ and human rights are legal obligations during chaotic times.

Nothing can replace women's direct participation in all aspects of peace and security. Instead of supporting the participation of a small number of women in reaching leadership positions, it is necessary to remove barriers to give way to more women. An approach to 'gender equality' is fundamental to the WPS agenda and the NGO Working Group (NGOWG).

Nevertheless, throughout the Security Council's work, women are primarily referred to as a monolithic group. On the other hand WPS points out that race, ethnicity, religion, social class, SOGIESC, age, marital status, pregnancy status, disability, immigration status, geographical location, economic situation, and other characteristics should also be taken into consideration.

There can be no real progress without real accountability of the related organizations.

As WPS is committed to promote peace, gender equality, and women's rights, it believes that the following principles should guide every action:

1-Prevention of conflicts.

Take decisive action to prevent conflicts to end violence, and crisis, including addressing the gendered drivers of conflict and instability.

2-Meaningful participation of women.

Ensure complete, equal, and meaningful participation of women in all aspects of peace and security.

3-Human rights defenders, peace builders, and civil society

Defend the legitimacy of all human rights defenders and peace builders and their role in promoting peace and security and effectively preventing and addressing attacks on them.

4. Gender equality of all women's and girls' rights, including access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), should play a central role in maintaining international peace and security.

5-Accountability for implementation.

To promote the system-wide accountability to implement the WPS plan and ensure the performance of Member States.