



MOVING UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325 FORWARD: SOME ACTION AND ADVOCACY IDEAS

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Influence Policy

- Write to **United Nations Security Council** members, all fifteen. Remind them of their commitments made in Resolution 1325. The contact information for UN Security Council Members can be found at <http://www.peacewomen.org/un/sc/scmem.html>

The Security Council members, as they have "primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security," should be treated as your representatives. The members need to hear constructive recommendations for action from civil society.

- Contact your **government representatives**, as well as aspiring candidates. Remind them of their commitments, as UN Member States, made in Resolution 1325, and thus their responsibility for implementation. Educate them on Resolution 1325 and other existing UN conventions, treaties and resolutions. Request information about their ongoing and future actions with regard to Resolution 1325.
- Organize a **letter-writing campaign** addressed to your head of government and government ministries, requesting information about the way in which Resolution 1325 is being addressed across all government portfolios.
- If your government is a Troop-Contributing Country (TCC), providing troops for peacekeeping operations, **establish a group to monitor** your government's efforts to provide gender training before deployment, and to monitor your government's efforts to respond to allegations of violations by its troops.
- Organize to pass **legislation** on Resolution 1325 (2000) and the **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women**, or CEDAW, (1979) in your local city government.

Network, Support and Share Information

- **Build networks** with women's organizations/groups living and working in situations of pre-conflict, armed conflict and post-conflict. Visit them and bring the media with you. Hold press conferences, send out reports and make presentations to policy-makers and the general public upon your return. To contact women's organizations/groups, visit PeaceWomen's organization database at: <http://www.peacewomen.org/contacts/conindex.html>
- Support women's peace initiatives with your **time and finances**. For a country-specific compilation of women's peace and security initiatives, visit: <http://www.peacewomen.org/campaigns/countriesindex.html> or visit our organization database at: <http://www.peacewomen.org/contacts/conindex.html>
- Contact groups and organizations that have used Resolution 1325 in their own communities to **share strategies and models for action**. For more information about other groups using or interested in Resolution 1325, contact the PeaceWomen team in the WILPF UN Office and we will be happy to try and help facilitate the connection. Contact us at: (212) 682-1265, or email info@peacewomen.org.
- Organize a **letter-writing campaign** targeting major funders, requesting increased **funding** for women's participation in peace processes, including their participation in formal peace negotiations.

Generate Awareness, Educate and Inform

- Organize **workshops, seminars and conferences** in your community for local journalists, politicians, community organizations, academia and others, and at high schools and universities for students, to raise awareness about Resolution 1325 and other related UN tools, such as CEDAW, and invite women from conflict zones to speak.

- Teach/take a **course** on women, peace and security issues, including Resolution 1325, include/focus writing assignments on current women, peace and security issues
- Organize a **media letter-writing group** and send weekly/monthly articles and letters to newspapers to highlight women, peace and security issues.
- Develop advocacy and education tools and packages to circulate in your local community, including **posters and postcards** on Resolution 1325 and related international instruments.
- **Translate Resolution 1325** into your local languages. Share your translations with the PeaceWomen Project for the 1325 Translation Initiative. For more information about this initiative, visit: <http://www.peacewomen.org/1325inTranslation/index.html>
- Subscribe to **1325 PeaceWomen E-News**, a bi-weekly electronic newsletter, produced by WILPF's PeaceWomen Project, that provides updates on implementation of Resolution 1325, and related women, peace and security issues: <http://www.peacewomen.org/news/1325News/1325ENewsindex.html>

Please add your own ideas below:

The above ideas are based on the concrete activities undertaken by women and women's organizations around the world, as well as the ideas highlighted by other guides and handouts, such as:

"UN Security Council Resolution 1325 for girls and young women"

"UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Fact Sheet: Understanding UN Security Council Resolution 1325"

"UN Security Council Resolution 1325 Fact Sheet: How can we use Resolution 1325?"

Compiled by the Gender and Peacebuilding Working Group of the Canadian Peacebuilding Coordinating Committee: <http://www.peacebuild.ca/working/?load=gender>

"Ten Things Young Women And Men Can Do To Support Security Council Resolution 1325"
Compiled by Sheri Gibbings, Canada

"How Can We, As U.S. Citizens, Use United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325? Some Advocacy and Action Ideas"
Compiled by the PeaceWomen Project

For all of the above and for more 1325 advocacy and education tools, visit:
<http://www.peacewomen.org/un/ngoadvocacy/1325Tools/index.html>

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