



The CEDAW's Transformative Women, Peace and Security Addendum Marks UNSCR 1325's 25th Anniversary

To mark the 25th anniversary of the WPS Agenda (UNSCR 1325), the CEDAW Committee released the Advance Addendum to General Recommendation no. 30 (GR30) on women in conflict prevention, conflict, and post-conflict situations. The Addendum was opened for public comment on September 9th.

The online launch, led by the **UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Women, Peace and Security** and the **UK's APPG on International Law, Justice and Accountability**, articulates a vision of renewed multilateralism in women, peace, and security. The Addendum, along with the Background Paper, documents pressing global challenges in an increasingly complex international peace and security landscape. The Addendum and its companion Paper respond to the changing face of conflict, growing security threats and overlapping gendered power imbalances. The Addendum seeks to broaden our understanding of gender-sensitive interpretations of cross-cutting Security Council Resolutions, and develops urgent linkages with relevant international law, international human rights law and humanitarian law frameworks with the CEDAW.

This call to action to State and non-State actors, including to the business sector, underscores the risks posed by the weaponization of emerging technologies, AI in warfare, the feminization of food insecurity, conflict minerals, the existential crisis of climate change, nuclear armament, the militarization of space, and the continuing impunity for gender and sexual violence, including forced marriage, forced pregnancy, and reproductive violence. The Advance Addendum highlights intergenerational, moral, material and structural reparations, while bringing to the forefront a survivor centric approach to justice. It also explores the generational rollbacks in women's rights and how shrinking civic spaces imperil the foundations of peace and security

The Addendum reinforces the interconnected nature of today's security challenges and responses. This interdependency informs an ambitious set of norms built on the bedrock of women's full, equal, and meaningful participation in conflict resolution and peacebuilding. It shifts the focus from victimhood to an understanding of women's agency and leadership in conflict prevention and peace building. It calls upon state parties, multilateral institutions, and all stakeholders to translate the promise of the UNSCR 1325 Agenda into action during, before, and post- conflict.



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Nov. 21, 2025 | Virtual

Proposed Time: 10.00-11.30 ET (3:00-4:30 pm UK time)

Agenda

Remarks:

Baroness Hodgson of Abinger CBE, Chair of the UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security

Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, former Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. Baroness Kennedy is one of UK's most distinguished lawyers and legal reformers. She was appointed to the Order of the Thistle by King Charles III in recognition of her leadership in human rights and women's rights

Pramila Patten, Under-Secretary-General and UNSG's Special Representative for Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict

Hina Jilani, the first Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders and a member of The Elders and currently serves as President of the World Organisation Against Torture, co-chair of the World Refugee Council.

Irina Bokova, Former Director General of UNESCO

Hon. Fanday Turay, Minister of Transport Sierra Leone. As Sierra Leone's Permanent Representative, he led the adoption of UNGA (A/76/304) on survivor centric approaches to access to justice for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence

Ambassador Melanne Vermeer, the First Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues under the Obama Administration and Founding Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women Peace and Security

In collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School



Radhika Coomaraswamy, Former UN Under-Secretary-General and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Dr. Ewelina Ochab, IBAHRI Senior Programme lawyer, co-founder of the Coalition for Genocide Response and Secretariat for the APPG on International Law, Justice and Accountability

Nicole Ameline, Former Minister of Gender Equity, France and CEDAW Committee Member and Rapporteur of GR 40

Nahla Haidar, Chairperson of the CEDAW Committee

Professor Rangita de Silva de Alwis, CEDAW Committee Member, Co-Chair of WPS, and drafter of the WPS Addendum, and distinguished faculty, Law and Global Leadership, University of Pennsylvania Law School and Wharton.