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Sustainable security policy needs a gender perspective

*In March 2003, women working in research
institutes, politics and non-governmental
organisations founded a German network
for feminist peace and security policy,
the*

**Women's Security Council
in Germany**

Guiding principles

The traditional foreign and security policy from States is still dominated by men. Political discourses and decisions are made and dominated by men, where only a few women can be found in responsible positions. There is little attention given to alternative analysis in the international relationships and they seldom get into operative politics. On the other side, the State and the majority of men actors perceive women in their social context only as victims who suffer passively in situations of conflicts and wars.

- There is no recognition that women are organising the survey of the community in war times and post conflict situations and the women contribute mainly to the (re-) construction of the society.
- The active role of women in peace processes, in crisis prevention, non-violent conflict management and transformation, is often neglected.
- Women are scarcely, if at all, integrated into official peace negotiations of UN missions.
- The needs of women and girls in conflict zones, refugee camps and in the organisation of development projects are still underestimated.

On the national, as well as on the international level, we are still far away from an implementation of the UN Security Council *Resolution 1325* from October 2000. It demands equal participation of women on all peace keeping and peace enforcing measures.

Aims

- ◆ Focussing on the political competences of women
- ◆ Integration of the Gender perspective in the Foreign and Security policy
- ◆ Impulses for the implementation of the UN-Resolution 1325 at the national level
- ◆ Critical follow-up of the work of the German government in the UN Security Council
- ◆ Defence of the international and human rights standards.
- ◆ New definitions of security with appropriate gender aspects
- ◆ Development of gender specific criteria's for civilian peace missions.
- ◆ Sensitivity and support of women in crisis regions.

Working methods

- ➔ Autonomous context of engaged women from feminist, pacifist and development organisations in foreign and security politics, political foundations and peace research institutes.
- ➔ Representation through a coordination group of 10 women.
- ➔ Exchange of information by an internal e-mail network
- ➔ Establishment of a pool of experts in gender sensitive foreign and security policies.
- ➔ We invite active co-operation and new ideas.

Activities

- Appeal to the German government and German UN-representation for the participation of women in the reconstruction process in Iraq, and the respect of women's rights in Afghanistan
- Dialogue with politicians and offices of the German Foreign Ministry
- Postcard-Campaign "There are 1325 reasons for the implementation of UN- Resolution 1325" before the 5th anniversary of res.
- Management of expert meetings and discussion events in co-operation with the Feminist Institute of the Heinrich Böll Foundation and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, and others
- Lobbying for Actionplan for the implementation of UNSCR 1325
- Shadow Report to the national report on the implementation of UNSCR 1325 in Germany 2004
- European and international coordination of activities towards the implementation of UNSCR 1325
- Establishment of an expert pool on gender sensitive foreign and security policy
- 1st European coordination meeting on the implementation of Res. 1325 "Women at the negotiation tables"
- Roadmap to 1325, European conference May 2007 in Berlin
- Conference on gender equality in Peace and Security Policy. Perspectives of the federal government and women's Security Council, June 2008 →2nd shadow report.
- Roadmap to 1325 - international/ Pan-Balkan Women's Conference on Peace, Security, Pacifis. Slovenia, June 2008