

**On the 7th anniversary of UN res 1325, the German Women Security Council declares:**

## **It is time to implement 1325**

With 1, 3, 2 and 5 nods in the handkerchief - which means "don't forget an important thing" - the German Women's Security Council wants to remind that there is still a big lack in implementing UN Res. 1325. The resolution which requests equal participation of women on all levels of peace processes was voted unanimously on the 31.10.2000 by the UN-Security Council. In this tricky 7<sup>th</sup> year, governments have done even less than the years before to implement the resolution, says the Women's Security Council.



Also in the upcoming year, the Women's Security Council sees the urgency of actions and reactions. One reason is the declaration of the director of the "European Defence Agency"/EDA, perhaps better called "European Death Agency" published in German newspapers on oct.24<sup>th</sup>, saying that 2008 should be the "year of armament". Alexander Weis, former department director in the German Defence ministry, plans to realize 2 big armament projects with the construction of new military helicopters and satellites. A plan lacking any democratic legitimation and control. The Women's Security Council requests that the money foreseen for these projects should now be shifted to projects for conflict prevention and the guarantee of equal rights for men and women, in order to implement UN res.1325 also on the European level. European activists and politicians of different political backgrounds spoke in favour of strengthening the resolution in this sense during the international conference „Roadmap to 1325“ in may 2007 in Berlin, organised by the Heinrich Böll foundation. (further information: [www.frauensicherheitsrat.de](http://www.frauensicherheitsrat.de))