



To: *Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the UN*
Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda, President for the UN Security Council and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the UN.
Mr Frank Belfrage, Cabinet Secretary to Foreign Minister of Sweden Carl Bildt
Ms Mary Robinson, co-chair Civil Society Advisory Group to the UN on Women, Peace and Security

Key recommendations from the Stockholm International Conference on 1325 “10 years with 1325 – What now? 21-22 October 2010, Sweden

21-22 October the Swedish organisation Operation 1325 gathered more than 170 participants in Stockholm for one of the year's most important and unique international conferences highlighting the 10th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on women, peace and security. The participants represent civil society organisations, governmental officials, policymakers, researchers and journalists from 20 countries around the globe. A special focus of the conference was “Stories from the Ground” – the experiences of local stake holders, often women, who stand as winners or losers as they see how resolution 1325 succeeds or fails in being implemented.

The aim of the conference was to gather key challenges and essential solutions – good and bad practices – for all participants to bring with them as tools for ground level implementation, policy shaping and advocacy work. As a result of the insightful discussions Operation 1325 forwards the key recommendations from the conference suggesting what needs to be done by key stakeholders at the international, national and local levels.

1. To the UN and the international community:

- Appoint a Special Representative of the Secretary General on women's participation in peace processes
- Include at least 40 % women in all peace processes, especially in peace negotiation teams
- Take use of quotas to get qualified women in leading positions within the UN-system
- Make gender expertise a criteria for senior level appointment in the UN
- Give in depth training about gender inequalities and gender structures to all UN-personnel

- Demand that member states report annually to the Secretary General on country specific challenges and progress in implementation of UNSCR 1325
- Empower UNSCR 1325 in conjunction with CEDAW linking it to accountability mechanisms
- Include clear response and systematic concrete recommendations to the member states in Secretary General's annual report on UNSCR 1325
- Devote economic resources for longtime core funding to support the implementation of UNSCR 1325

2. To the member states:

- Include women on all levels of decision making processes for peace and security using quotas insuring at least 40 % women
- Adopt a national action plan in every member state. The national action plan must have measurable goals, clear timetables, effective monitoring system and a defined budget line.
- Appoint an ambassador for UNSCR 1325
- Offer in depth training about gender inequalities and structures to decision makers
- Develop policies in the national action plans to use experience and improve treatment of refugee women from conflict affected areas in order to comply with UNSCR 1325
- Include training on the values of UNSCR 1325 starting at early school level
- Develop a system where communities get direct funding – not using UN Cluster System
- Devote economic resources for longtime core funding of UNSCR 1325

3. To civil society and women's organisations:

- Launch a *Peace 1325 Award*, in order to raise the UNSCR 1325 profile, celebrate positive development and give incentives to financial funding and support
- Establish a platform for sharing stories from the ground easy to access by a wide range of actors
- Strengthen women's networks by using internet and social media for sharing of information and knowledge about human rights and security

- Solve the lack of coordination, follow up and support between national and international networks for UNSCR 1325
- Engage in monitoring the implementation of UNSCR 1325
- Include 1325-perspectives in CEDAW shadow reports

Sincerely yours

Stockholm 23 October 2010

Maj Britt Theorin
President, Operation 1325

Operation 1325

Operation 1325 is a non-profit umbrella for the five women's and peace organisations *The Federation of International Association for Immigrant Women, the Swedish Ecumenical Women's Council, UNIFEM Sweden, Women for Peace and the Swedish section of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*. We are also working in close collaboration with *the Swedish Women's Lobby*.

Operation 1325 is working through information, capacity building/education, political advocacy and international cooperation to help implement resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security. Since 2006 we are cooperating with women's organisations in Sudan, Israel and Palestine. For more information, please visit our website at www.operation1325.se.