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PANEL DEBATE ON

CEDAW and UNSCR 1325: Gender equality as an indispensable element of sustainable peace and security

Tuesday, 20 October 2015
12 noon – 1 p.m., Room 2, level 0, CICG

The IPU Meeting of Women Parliamentarians holds regular discussions on the role of parliaments in advancing gender equality and women's human rights.

It is proposed that the October 2015 Meeting focus on UN Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (UNSCR 1325), so as to mark the 15th anniversary of this landmark text. The resolution calls for women's participation in peace processes, the protection of women and girls from violence, and the advancement of gender equality as part of state building and preventing further violence. As of June 2015, only 49 countries had adopted a national action plan to implement UNSCR 1325. The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will take stock of progress made and of the remaining challenges to putting this resolution into effect. The discussion will contribute to the 15-year review of UNSCR 1325 and give new impetus to national parliaments to guide action at the national level.

The United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) also provides a solid basis to promote the role of women in peace efforts, to prevent gender-based violence and to advance gender equality in conflict and post-conflict settings. In its general recommendation No 30, the CEDAW Committee acknowledges the importance of putting CEDAW at the centre of actions designed to implement UNSCR 1325.

A one-hour discussion will be held on Tuesday 20 October (tentatively from 12 to 1 p.m.) on how to enhance the implementation of UNSCR 1325. To launch discussions, two panellists will be invited to present their views:

1. Ms. Lia Nadaraia, CEDAW member: The CEDAW Convention and its General recommendation No. 30 as a benchmark to promote gender equality in the area of peace and security.
2. Mr. Ekwee Ethuro, President of the Senate of Kenya

Each panellist will be asked to make a 5-minute presentation. MPs will then comment, ask questions and give accounts of domestic-level implementation of Resolution 1325.

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