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# Access to justice: indigenous women in conflict and peace

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Indigenous women's exposure to discrimination and violence increases in conflict-affected societies. Yet, indigenous women also have critical resources to contribute to building a sustainable peace in those societies. This press briefing will focus at the situation of indigenous women in conflict-affected societies, in particular their strategies to access justice, their participation in decision-making and peace processes, and their contributions to peace and reconciliation.

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