

Peacebuilding Commission advice to the Security Council on Women, Peace and Security
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Building on its previous advice to the Council, including those issued in March 2023 and May 2024, as well as the Commission's Gender Strategy and Action Plan and its engagement with all women involved in peacebuilding and sustaining peace, the Commission encourages the Security Council to consider:

1. Reiterating the call for the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women in peace processes, including in mediation, peacebuilding and sustaining peace, at local, national, regional, and global levels. This call needs to be underpinned by concrete actions, in particular, in activities aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict, addressing root causes and assisting parties to conflict to end hostilities.
2. Calling for revitalizing and implementing existing tools and mechanisms for the pacific settlement of disputes, confidence building, conflict prevention and crisis management.
3. Taking note of the progress made by Member States in fostering greater investment in women's inclusion, participation, economic empowerment, and security in conflict-related settings. Encouraging Member States to invest in programs that promote women's social, economic and political empowerment as a means to sustain and build peace.
4. Encouraging Member States to collectively commit to advancing WPS strategies by prioritizing the effective inclusion of women. Further encouraging the voluntary adoption of achievable targets, to guarantee women's safe and meaningful participation, including in delegations and in mediation processes and throughout the peace process, to significantly improve the implementation of the agenda.
5. Recognizing that making use of women's technical expertise in all relevant negotiation topics, such as statebuilding, transitional justice, SSR and DDR, among others, is crucial for achieving lasting peace agreements. Emphasizes the importance of integrating women across all mediation tracks to ensure the inclusion of their perspectives and contributions to political processes.
6. Encouraging Member States to increase their efforts to provide capacity-building support, including for the use of new technologies in mediation processes, as well as operational and financial support to engage with women mediator networks to ensure their effective involvement throughout peace processes, while also ensuring women mediators have a safe and enabling environment for their work to be impactful and enduring.
7. Recognizing the ongoing downsizing and drawdowns of peacekeeping missions, calls for the incorporation of the protection of women and girls, including from sexual violence, as an integral part of transition plans and urges the allocation of funding and expertise to sustain advancements in the Women, Peace and Security agenda.
8. Encouraging the Security Council to add regional organizations' women peacebuilders' perspectives on Women, Peace and Security to its discussions at meetings, including through

inviting briefers, taking into account the Council's rules of procedure, to share best practices and solutions for supporting inclusive, comprehensive, and transformative peace processes.