

**Open Briefing of the Counter-Terrorism Committee on
“The Role of Women in Countering Terrorism
and Violent Extremism”
Speaking Points Spain
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- Spain expresses its appreciation to the President of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, to the [Assistant SG](#) of UN Women and the three briefers from civil society.
- Spain supports the CTC’s initiative in addressing the gender perspective within the fight against terrorism (and against violent extremism). There is no point in designing anti-terrorism policies which exclude this perspective, not only because it excludes half of the population, but also it is detrimental to its effectiveness. Women are considered victims (and in many cases they are the main targets) but they are also agents of terrorism.
- It is great news that the Global Study will be including a specific chapter with concrete recommendations on how to include the women, peace and security agenda in the fight against the narratives of terrorism and extreme violence. This issue will be essential in the revision of Resolution 1325, which will take place in the next month of October.
- We have taken note of the importance of involving civil society – in particular women organizations – and the local communities within the design of policies against terrorism, as well as their role as instruments of early warning in the prevention of extreme violence. We also welcome the concrete proposals presented by the representatives of civil society, especially with the lack of information on the role which women play in terrorism.
- I would like to ask the following question: How can the Security Council and the CTC contribute, in an effective manner, to the inclusion of the gender perspective in your recommendations and decisions? Do good local practices exist in your countries – Kenya, Nigeria and Iraq – where we can build upon the inclusion of the WPS agenda in the fight against terrorism?