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Open Arria formula meeting of the Security Council on Women, Peace and Security and Mediation:

*“Increasing the participation of women in global conflict prevention and mediation:
Towards the Creation of a Mediterranean Women Mediators Network”*

27 March 2017, 3:00 – 5:30 pm, ECOSOC Chamber

The three UN reviews conducted in 2015 provided new ground to reexamine traditional ways of addressing conflict and building peace. In particular, the Global Study on the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security highlighted the instrumental role mediators, and women mediators especially, play in facilitating women’s active involvement and determining the quality of women’s participation in peace talks, which can lead to more sustainable peace. The Arria meeting seeks to consider ways to increase the visibility and facilitate the appointment of more



women mediators and Special Envoys, including through the creation of networks of women mediators, and will provide an opportunity for interactive discussion on the persisting challenges that prevent such appointments through hearing about the experience of senior women involved in conflict prevention and mediation networks and the role, opportunities and challenges of such networks. In this regard the Arria meeting will lay the groundwork for the creation of a Mediterranean Women Mediators Network, to be launched late 2017.

Interventions by:

- ❖ Hon. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Italy
- ❖ The Rt Hon Baroness Anelay of St Johns DBE, Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the UN, Prime Minister’s Special Representative for Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Briefers:

- ❖ Ms. Kyung-wha Kang, Senior Advisor on Policy for the UN Secretary-General;
- ❖ Dr Specioza Naigaga Wandira Kazibwe, member of the Panel of the Wise of the African Union and coordinator of the Network of African Women Mediators for Peace;
- ❖ Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Special Coordinator UNSCOL
- ❖ Ms. Irene Fellin, President WIIS - Women in International Security Italy