

## **“The NGO Consultation on the 1325 Indicators Report”**

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In recognition of the key role that civil society actors around the world play in the implementation and monitoring of women, peace and security measures, the NGOWG on Women, Peace and Security was invited by UNIFEM and OSAGI to convene a civil society consultation on the indicator report on SCR 1325, as requested in SCR 1889. As a result of this consultation, and despite the tight timeline, more than 150 suggestions to improve the indicators were provided by NGO colleagues from around the world. The consultation in New York at CSW is a continuation of this process. The panelists consisting of civil society representatives, UN staff, and the UN Representative from the United Kingdom spoke to civil society groups about the process and the future progress of the report.

In conclusion, the three key messages emphasized at the meeting were:

1. It is clear that there has been insufficient time and access – such as translation - to include all key voices in this process. We are looking forward to civil society actors being an integral part of the process of evaluating the indicators as they are adopted, and ensuring that as the indicators are strengthened and honed, civil society expertise is substantively included and drawn upon.

2. Developing a set of indicators is not the end goal of this process. The goal of this process is to see action taken and positive results for women in conflict. Therefore, the outcome of this indicator process should be:

A set of strong, meaningful indicators developed through this process must be delivered to the Security Council, and the Council must in turn live up to its obligations to women in conflict by:

Endorsing strong indicators to regularly receive information on the whole women, peace and security agenda;

Evaluating the implementation of women, peace and security obligations with these indicators;

And taking appropriate and effective action on the information received.

All relevant actors – member states, UN actors, Security Council members - should be held accountable for their obligations.

3. Additional strong indicators developed in this process that are not included in the final indicator report should be made publicly available for other actors – including civil society actors and governments – to use in their ongoing work on women, peace and security.

(Much of the information contained here is taken from the outcome document of the meeting prepared by the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security

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