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Accra/Suva/The Hague, 17 September 2013

Subject : **A global call for full participation of civil society in the Japanese NAP 1325 process**

Your Excellencies,

Following the August 28 letter of 39 Japanese civil society organisations to the Prime Minister of Japan, we - the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) - would like to first congratulate the Government of Japan on their action towards the development of a National Action Plan to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (1325 NAP). In advance of the consultation meeting with civil society on 18 September, we would like to urge the Government of Japan to ensure the full participation of civil society in the entire process developing the 1325 NAP. We also express concern about the removal of the category of 'participation' in the Japanese draft NAP framework. Participation is recommended by the UN as the first of four pillars for a NAP framework and we encourage consideration to restore this to a key pillar for 1325 implementation in Japan.

During its last Open Debate on UNSCR 1325 in October 2012, the UN Security Council chose to focus on "The Role of Women's Civil Society Organizations in Contributing to the Prevention and Resolution of Armed Conflict and Peacebuilding". The Resolution itself calls on Member States to "ensure increased representation of women at all decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions and mechanisms for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict". A systemic collaboration with civil society from the start, through a participatory and transparent NAP process including the stages of drafting, implementation, funding, and monitoring, is essential to achieving the commitments of UNSCR 1325. This has been stressed in the [Open Letter to Permanent Representatives to the UN](#) of October 2012 by the NGO Working Group on Women Peace and Security.

A participatory 1325 NAP process in Japan can build on existing experiences with civil society from other countries. Ongoing experiences from for example Nepal, the Netherlands, the Philippines and the Republic of Korea show the diverse options for civil society participation - and the increase of civil society involvement in the consecutive stages of the process shows an acknowledgement of the value of this participation. As a global civil society network with 29 Gender Focal Points in fifteen regions around the world,



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GPPAC would be happy to provide ideas from other countries on how civil society participation in the Japanese 1325 NAP process could be designed.

We urgently call on the Government of Japan to ensure the full participation of civil society in the Japanese 1325 NAP process, and support the requests made by our Japanese colleagues to ensure a transparent and inclusive preparation process, with sufficient consultation with civil society representatives, and consider establishing a drafting committee comprising women's groups and networks, experts on women, peace and security, as well as civil organizations working on peace-building and security.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: List of GPPAC Gender Focal Points



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Nighat Said Khan	ASR Resource Centre; Institute of Women's Studies	Pakistan	
Saloni Singh	Didi Bahini	Nepal	
Meenakshi Gopinath	Women in Security, Conflict Management & Peace	India	
Khin Ohmar	Burma Partnership	Burma/Myanmar	Southeast Asia
Gyunglan Jung	Women Making Peace	South Korea	Northeast Asia
Veena Singh-Bryar	femLINKPACIFIC	Fiji	Pacific
Betty Blake	Ma'a Fafine mo e Famili	Tonga	
Lisa Horiwapu	Vois Blong Mere Solomons	Solomon Islands	
Helen Hakena	Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency	Bougainville/PNG	
Marie Rosine Régine Poaty	Justice and Peace Commission	Brazzaville in Congo	
Kesia Onam-Birch	West Africa Network for Peacebuilding	Ghana	West Africa
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Nada Drobnjak	Chairperson of the Gender Equality Committee, Parliament of Montenegro	Montenegro	Western Balkans
Amir Hodzič	Centre for Education, Consultation and Research	Croatia	
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Sajida Abdulvahabova	Women Problem Research Center	Azerbaijan	
Elene Rusetskaia	Women's Information Center	Georgia	
Isabella Sargsyan / Natalia Martirosyan	Armenian National Committee of Helsinki Citizens Assembly	Armenia	
Violetta Ermakova	Women for Revival of the Narochanski Region	Belarus	Eastern Europe
Azizbek Ashurov	Public Foundation "Ferghana Valley Lawyers without Borders"	Kyrgyzstan	Central Asia
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