52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Interactive dialogue

"Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict

resolution also called for action to mainstream gender perspectives in relation to conflict prevention, peace negotiations and the aftermath of conflicts.

In 2005, the World Summit Outcome highlighted

acting as mediators also increased women's participation in peace processes. In addition, women demonstrated their leadership in peace processes through their involvement in civil society actions.[5]

III. Format of the interactive dialogue

The interactive dialogue will be introduced by three speakers who will make presentations of 10 minutes each. Member States, entities of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations will participate in the ensuing dialogue, and will be encouraged to share their experiences in implementing the agreed conclusions on "Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peacebuilding", highlighting achievements, gaps and challenges, as well as good practices and lessons learned. Interventions from the floor will be limited to 3 minutes.

A Chairperson's summary of the interactive dialogue will be prepared.

IV. Issues for consideration

The dialogue will focus on the areas identified in the agreed conclusions adopted by the Commission in 2004: women's equal participation in peace processes and in peace building, including in countries in conflict, countries emerging from conflict, as well as countries providing mediation and other forms of support in conflict situations, as well as international organizations supporting peace processes and peacebuilding.

The following questions provide a non-exhaustive discussion guide:
- What specific steps have been taken to guarantee and improve women's participation and decision-making in peace processes and peacebuilding since the adoption of the agreed conclusions? How has the impact of such steps been monitored and measured so as to assess their effectiveness?
- What institutional frameworks exist to facilitate women's effective participation in efforts related to peace processes and peacebuilding?
- What accountability measures/mechanisms have been developed within government institutions and processes to ensure women's participation in peace processes and peacebuilding?
- What measures have been put in place to strengthen women's participation and decision-making in post-conflict institution-building processes? How have lessons from past experiences been applied?
- What examples can be provided of collaboration between State actors and civil society organizations (including women's organizations and networks) to implement the agreed conclusions? What results have been achieved?
- What are the remaining key challenges to women's participation in peace processes and peacebuilding? Which new challenges have been identified?

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