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CIVIL SOCIETY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMPACT ON WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN ACTION

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**GENERATION
EQUALITY**
REALIZING
WOMEN'S
RIGHTS FOR AN
EQUAL FUTURE



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Established in December 2019, the civil society-led Beijing+25 Women, Peace, and Security – Youth, Peace, and Security (Beijing+25 WPS-YPS) Coalition represents over 100 grassroots women and youth peacebuilders, national, regional, and global women's rights and feminist organizations, and civil society networks from around the world who are working towards the full and effective implementation of the WPS and YPS agendas. The Beijing+25 WPS-YPS Coalition is committed to ensuring the integration

of the WPS and YPS Agendas in the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) and all related Beijing+25 processes and outcome documents.

Concerned about the lack of representation of grassroots women and youth peacebuilders, the marginalization of the WPS and YPS agendas, and their exclusion in the official GEF Action Coalitions, the civil society-led Beijing+25 WPS-YPS Coalition disseminated an [open letter](#) calling for the intentional integration of the WPS and YPS agendas in the GEF. Furthermore, it produced an [advocacy paper](#), which reflects key civil society messages on the WPS and YPS agendas, including their intersections with the other thematic areas of the GEF and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

The UN High Level Advisory Group to the 2015 Global Study on UNSCR 1325 sent a [letter](#) to the UN Secretary-General and the members of the GEF Core Group urging for an official Action Coalition on WPS and YPS in the GEF

In addition, the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) on behalf of the civil society Coalition, met with the members of the GEF Core Group—France, Mexico, UN Women and the civil society representatives to the Core Group; various Member States, and the UN Secretary-General’s Senior Adviser on Policy Ms. Ana Maria Menéndez to present their recommendations on the intentional integration of the WPS and YPS agendas in the GEF.

Compact on WPS and Humanitarian Action: A result of civil society advocacy

As a result of the well-coordinated and strategic civil-society advocacy, the GEF Core Group approved the [Compact for Women, Peace, and Security and Humanitarian Action](#) and officially announced its development on July 01, 2020.

To ensure that the Compact for WPS and Humanitarian Action remains true to its principles of accelerating implementation, strengthening accountability, and mobilizing funding for the WPS Agenda and humanitarian action frameworks, **the Beijing+25 WPS-YPS Coalition presents the following recommendations to the GEF Core Group:**

The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA), the most comprehensive global agenda for women’s rights and empowerment, serves as one of the founding documents on the UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) 1325 and the supporting resolutions on Women and Peace and Security (WPS). Its critical area of concern on Women and Armed Conflict calls for an increase in the participation of women in conflict resolution at decision-making levels, and in the protection of women living in situations of armed conflict, among other objectives. The BPfA also underscores the gendered impact and experiences in humanitarian emergencies, and therefore the need for more holistic support for crisis-affected women, young women, adolescent girls, and gender non-conforming individuals. The multiple forms of marginalization women, young women, adolescent girls, and LGBTQIA+ persons experience, and the resulting disproportionate impact of violence, armed conflict, and humanitarian emergencies are overlapping concerns in the BPfA, WPS and Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) resolutions, amongst other WPS-humanitarian action frameworks. This highlights the inextricable links between gender equality, WPS, YPS, and Humanitarian Action.

The [2015 Global Study on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325](#) emphasized that “much of the progress toward the implementation of resolution 1325 continues to be measured in ‘firsts’, rather than as standard practice.” Five years since the Global Study, its recommendations continue to be urgent and relevant, and are in line with what the Compact for Women, Peace, and Security and Humanitarian Action (HA) aims to

achieve. Recognizing that 2020 is a year of multiple milestones and anniversaries, this document builds on, and seeks to reinforce as well as complement other key advocacy messages of civil society.

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