

Peacebuilding Commission written advice to the Security Council on the role of women and young people in peacebuilding

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Drawing on the Commission's Gender Strategy and Action Plan and the Strategic Action Plan on Youth and Peacebuilding as well as its regular engagements with youth and women peacebuilders, the Commission encourages the Security Council to consider:

1. Reiterating the importance of ensuring, in line with Security Council resolution 2493 (2019), full, equal and meaningful participation of women and, in line with Security Council resolution 2535 (2020), full, effective and meaningful participation of youth, including young women, in peacebuilding efforts at all levels and, in particular, in activities aimed at preventing the outbreak, escalation, continuation and recurrence of conflict, addressing root causes and assisting parties to conflict to end hostilities, as well as the importance of their positive contribution in the maintenance and promotion of peace, recognizing that their broad participation often contributes to long-term resilience and strengthening of conflict prevention.
2. Emphasizing the important role women and youth, including young women, can play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts as well as in building sustainable peace at all levels. Reiterating also the need for improved inter-generational dialogue and engagements to foster exchange of information between different generations in an ageing world.
3. Reiterating its call for increased and sustained support for the development and implementation of national, and regional frameworks and roadmaps, including National Action Plans on YPS and WPS adopting, where relevant, contextualized approaches.
4. Calling on further efforts to support young women to ensure that they are empowered to contribute to peacebuilding and sustaining peace initiatives and, strengthening the role of peace operations, where relevant, in the promotion of inclusive peacebuilding activities that involve young women in conflict, post-conflict and transition settings/situations.
5. Recalling General Assembly resolution 78/257, which recognizes the need to enhance financing to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and the inclusion of youth in peacebuilding, and stressing the Commission's commitment in that regard.
6. Calling on Member States to increase their efforts to promote young women's access to socioeconomic opportunities, including through the provision of education, employment opportunities, peace education and capacity-building, and to ensure an enabling and safe environment for their participation in peacebuilding efforts in particular in conflict, post-conflict and transition settings/situations, including through projects support, as appropriate.
7. Recalling that enhanced partnerships, including cooperation with international and regional organizations, including financial institutions, are also important in ensuring youth and women's inclusion in peacebuilding efforts as well as in their engagement in recovery and socioeconomic development.
8. Encouraging the Security Council to add youth perspectives to its meetings, including through the invitation of briefers, and enable the timely consideration of the reports on YPS mandated by Security Council resolution 2250 (2015), taking into account the Council's rules of procedure, by drawing on the progress and precedent achieved by the Peacebuilding Commission in seeking to supplement youth's voices to its meetings.