



# NOGP Newsletter

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## NATO Office on Gender Perspectives

### Award for the NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives

In December 2011, the NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives was granted the IV Award "Soldado Idoia Rodríguez, mujer en las Fuerzas Armadas" by the Spanish Ministry of Defence "in recognition for its outstanding and successful efforts to incorporate and integrate women into the Armed Forces, improving a gender balance and implementing the relevant UNSCRs within Spain and other NATO Countries".

[NATO - News: Award for NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives](#)

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From the NCGP meeting of May 2011:

### “How can Gender make a difference to Security in Operations?”

The final report of last years meeting presents a study of six cases including good practices and a list of factors that influence security in operations. Finally, the publication lists 16 proposed indicators aiming at strenghtening the implementation of actions to incorporate a gender perspective in NATO-led operations.

[http://www.nato.int/issues/women\\_nato/2011](http://www.nato.int/issues/women_nato/2011)

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### Inauguration of the Centre for Gender in Military Operations

Kungsängen, SWE 24 January 2012

Located at SWEDINT, the purpose of the new centre is to give seminars and training courses to increase the military competence in gender issues both nationally and internationally. The Centre aims at taking the lead in military competence development for gender related issues within the Nordic countries.

<http://www.forsvarsmakten.se/en/Swedish-Armed-Forces-International-Centre/Centre-for-Gender/>

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*Quote of the month:*

*"We need not just a new generation of leadership but a new gender of leadership ."*

*Bill Clinton, former US President*

## Just add women and stir?

In the article "Just Add Women and Stir?" Sahana Dharmapuri examines the impact of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Her analysis reveals that by adding a gender perspective in peace and security operations different threats are identified and greater opportunities occur for the security of men and women. The author draws on empirical data from international organizations to determine that the failure of various operations can be traced directly to a gender-blind approach, in terms of ignoring the differing needs, interests, and roles of different actors in a particular society.

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/usawc/Dharmapuri.pdf>

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## Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre:

Women's participation in UN Peacekeeping operations:  
Agents of change or stranded symbols ?

The report reviews the existing evidence relating to the impact of uniformed women peacekeepers in UN operations. The author, Kathleen Jennings, has examined the arguments most commonly used to advocate for increasing women's participation in UN Peacekeeping operations. She points out that many of the claims are inflated and based on "affirmative gender essentialisms", and that more research on the effects of women's participation is needed.

[http://www.peacebuilding.no/Women's\\_participation.pdf](http://www.peacebuilding.no/Women's_participation.pdf)

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## National Action Plans

The United States Of America have launched their NAP late December 2011.

[NationalActionPlans/us\\_nationalactionplan\\_2011.pdf](NationalActionPlans/us_nationalactionplan_2011.pdf)

See also the speech by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Women, Peace and Security at Georgetown University – 19 December 2011.

[Secretary Clinton's Speech on Women, Peace and Security | USPolicy](Secretary_Clintons_Speech_on_Women,_Peace_and_Security_USPolicy)