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NATO Office on Gender Perspectives

NATO and Afghanistan

NATO leaders concluded a decisive summit in Chicago on 21 May, taking key decisions on the Alliance's future engagement in Afghanistan, military capabilities and worldwide partnerships. One of the focuses was on the future of Afghanistan. The Summit set out a strategy for concluding the transition of security responsibility to Afghan forces by the end of 2014, and delivered a strong commitment to supporting the Afghan forces after that date. Furthermore, the Alliance's leaders expressed their commitment to UNSCR 1325, 1612, and related resolutions.

Chicago Summit Declaration

Excerpts from the Declaration:

"Widespread sexual and gender-based violence in conflict situations, the lack of effective institutional arrangements to protect women, and the continued under-representation of women in peace processes, remain serious impediments to building sustainable peace".

"In this context, and to further advance this work, we have tasked the Council to: continue implementing the Policy and the Action Plan; undertake a review of the practical implications of UNSCR 1325 for the conduct of NATO operations and missions; further integrate gender perspectives into Alliance activities; and submit a report for our next Summit".

"We also remain committed to the implementation of UNSCR 1612 and related Resolutions on the protection of children affected by armed conflict. We note with concern the growing range of threats to children in armed conflict and strongly condemn that they are increasingly subject to recruitment, sexual violence and targeted attacks. NATO-led operations, such as ISAF in Afghanistan, are taking an active role in preventing, monitoring and responding to violations against children, including through pre-deployment training and a violations alert mechanism. This approach, based on practical, field-oriented measures, demonstrates NATO's firm commitment on this issue, as does the recent appointment of a NATO Focal Point for Children and Armed Conflict in charge of maintaining a close dialogue with the UN.

[NATO - Official text: Chicago Summit Declaration, 20-May-2012](#)

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Quote of the month:

"We remain committed to the full implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and related Resolutions which are aimed at protecting and promoting women's rights, role, and participation in preventing and ending conflict".

From: the Chicago Summit Declaration, Para 16".

From ISAF:

First ISAF Woman's Shura held in Kabul

On 23 April, IJC's first women Shura was the first national level event, hosting over 300 Afghan women leaders in government, business, education and security in order to develop ideas, solutions and opportunities for their future and to support their government's sovereignty. Lt.Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, IJC commander, mentioned that in a few short years Afghanistan will be fully responsible for its own security; that the future is in the hands of the women and men of Afghanistan; and an opportunity to make things better is happening now, and while both women and men will have to work together to build prosperity and peace, Scaparrotti said: "The spirit, strength and moral compass of a community is held by its women."

[IJC's first women Shura](#)

From the EU

Implementation of UNSCRs on Women, Peace and Security in the context of CSDP missions and operations.

This document introduces a new EU policy to ensure gender mainstreaming from the early planning to the conduct of CSDP missions and operations, including their follow-up and evaluation.

The document is not freely available on the internet, but access to it can be requested via the link below, searching for the document number 7109/12:

[CONSILIUM - Documents](#)

From the Civil – Military Fusion Centre

The Peace Process and Afghanistan's Women

This report reviews open-source information regarding the potential impact of reconciliation and reintegration on the role of women and the achievements they have attained in the last decade. It concludes with a number of challenges that Afghan women hope will be addressed in the scope of and following any peace and reconciliation process.

http://reliefweb.int/files/resources/Full_Report_3816.pdf