



# NOGP Newsletter

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## NATO Office on Gender Perspectives

### Change in the Chief

After three years as Chief of the NATO Office on Gender Perspectives, Lieutenant Colonel Hilde Segers has now left. I am very grateful for her support during those years while I was trying to become part of the world that sees things through "Gender glasses". Thanks to a perfect handover, I will try to keep the Gender Flag supported by all of you.

So, with this in mind, the members of the NOGP offer the complete support of the Office and hopefully together we will make a better world where implementation of the UNSCR 1325 will be included in our daily life.

Jesus Ignacio Gil Ruiz

Lieutenant Colonel

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### NATO names Norwegian diplomat as Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen has appointed Norwegian diplomat Mari Skåre as his Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security.

"The appointment of the Special Representative demonstrates how much NATO values the unique contribution of women to our armed forces and operations and their important role in conflict prevention and resolution," he said. "That is why NATO has gender advisors at our top political and military headquarters and at our operational headquarters in Afghanistan and Kosovo. The appointment of a Special Representative means that these issues will be better taken into account at the highest political level."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUL9xqVh71c>

<http://andersfogh.info/2012/08/27/new-special-representative-on-women-peace-and-security>

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### New NATO's Bi-Strategic Command Directive 40-1

Last 8 August, the new NATO Bi-SC 40-1 on "Integrating UNSCR 1325 and Gender Perspective into the NATO Command Structure" was issued superseding that of 2009. It has been adapted to the additional UNSCRs and policies in combination with Lessons Identified. The Directive is a core document and aims to ensure the integration of Gender Perspectives in military organizations and forces in the NATO Command Structure and NATO Force Structure of the Alliance and within NATO-led operations.

[http://www.nato.int/issues/women\\_nato/2012/20120808\\_NU\\_Bi-SCD\\_40-11.pdf](http://www.nato.int/issues/women_nato/2012/20120808_NU_Bi-SCD_40-11.pdf)

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[http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics\\_50327.htm](http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/topics_50327.htm)

*Quote of the month:  
"Not only women  
are victims of war  
but also agents of  
peace and always  
part of the  
solution"*

*Ambassador  
Verveer,  
Ambassador at  
Large for Global  
Women's Issues*

## Bulgaria organised the NATO's "Female Leadership in Defence and Security" International Conference

NATO's "Female Leadership in Defence and Security" Project International Conference held on July 10 and 11 2012 in Sofia was devoted to "The Role of Female Leaders in Security and Defence: a Roadmap to Turn Potential into Capabilities". During the two-day Conference over 90 representatives from 21 NATO member states and Partnership for Peace Partners discussed issues related to the role of the strategic leadership in the capabilities building process, the diversity of human resources in the area of security and defence and the prospect for improvement of operational effectiveness.

<http://www.mod.bg/en/index.php>

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## From USAID:

### United States Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally

USAID recently launched the United States Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Globally which establishes a government-wide approach to identify, coordinate, and leverage efforts and resources, and sets concrete goals and actions to be implemented and monitored by Federal Agencies.

The actions laid out in USAID's Implementation Plan fall within the five pillars of the US National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

[http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\\_docs/PDACT888.pdf](http://pdf.usaid.gov/pdf_docs/PDACT888.pdf)

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## From the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security

The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security has released the September 2012 version of their Monthly Action Points (MAP) on Women, Peace and Security for the UN Security Council.

For September, in which Germany has the Security Council presidency, the MAP provides recommendations on the situations in Afghanistan, Libya, Mali, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan / South Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The MAP also provides recommendations for the Security Council's ongoing implementation of its Women, Peace and Security obligations.

[http://womenpeacesecurity.org/media/pdf-MAP\\_September2012.pdf/](http://womenpeacesecurity.org/media/pdf-MAP_September2012.pdf/)

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## From the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF):

### Teaching Gender to the Military

DCAF co-organised a joint workshop entitled "Teaching Gender to the Military - in the classroom and through Advanced Distributed Learning" on behalf of the PfPC Working Group on SSR in collaboration with the Education Development Working Group and in partnership with the NATO School in Oberammergau in July 2012. Educating the military on gender issues has, over the last five years, emerged as a new and important priority for NATO States and Partners. The workshop brought together twenty-seven experts on military education, gender training for the military and integrating gender in military operations, consolidating DCAF's ongoing engagement in capacity building with NATO staff on gender and SSR.

The After Action Report of the workshop report is available on the DCAF website.

<http://dcaf.ch/Event/PFPC-Workshop-on-Teaching-Gender-to-the-Military/>

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## Invitation "A Comprehensive approach to Gender in Operations" Course, The Hague 19 - 23 November 2012

The course aims to increase operational effectiveness by equipping students with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively operationalise a gender perspective in CSDP and international missions and operations. The initiative is a joint effort by the ESP and NLD Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defence together with relevant national training institutes.

For more information, contact Annemieke de los Santos, Course Director ([annemieke.santos@oc.mde.es](mailto:annemieke.santos@oc.mde.es)). Application forms should be sent no later than 22 October 2012.

<http://www.defensa.gob.es/en/areasTematicas/observatorio/actuaciones/seminarios-cursos/GenderOpsCourse/>

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## Women PeaceMakers 10th Anniversary Conference "Breaking Barriers"

An international conference of peacebuilders "Breaking Barriers: What it will take to achieve security, justice and peace" will be held in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the Women PeaceMakers Program at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice in San Diego (USA) in September 26-28, 2012.

[USD: KSPS: IPJ: Women PeaceMakers: Conferences: Breaking Barriers](#)