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## **GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN NATO OPERATIONS**

### **UNSCR 1325 AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS**

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## Gender Perspective in NATO Operations: UNSCR 1325 and related Resolutions



- What is **UNSCR 1325** on Women, Peace and Security?
- Why is it important to **NATO-led Operations**?
- What is the **NATO Action Plan** for Mainstreaming UNSCR 1325 into NATO-led Operations and Missions ?

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# UNSCR 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY



## 3 Pillars (3Ps):

- Prevent disproportionate impact on women and children in armed conflict
- Protect women and children
- Participation of women at decision-making levels in national, regional and international institutions, in conflict prevention, management and resolution

# UNSCR 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY



## LEGALLY BINDING FRAMEWORK

Calls for:

- Gender Mainstreaming in Operations

- Gender Perspectives in Operations

# HOW TO DEFINE GENDER PERSPECTIVE ?



ADD THIS ...



Gender Cultural Awareness

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... TO THIS, ...



Security Forces

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The result is this:



Gender Operational Impact

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... and this...



Situation Awareness, Communication and Information

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... and this...



Achievement of Mission Objectives

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... and this...



Trust and Confidence

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... and this...



Training and Education

criminal investigation,  
human rights, and  
gender issues

... and this...



Relations between male and female personnel

... and this...

An Afghan Air Force Mi-17 delivers supplies to flood victims in Pakistan.



Credibility and Public Opinion,  
Desired political and military end-state

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## Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective



### ➤ Bi-SC 40-1 - definition of Gender:

“ Examining each issue from the point of view of men and women to identify any differences in their needs and priorities, as well as their ability to promote peace and reconstruction”

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## UNSCR 1325 and Gender Perspective in NATO Operations



- Why is it important ?

## Background



- 9 Defence Ministers' Letter to SecGen in Jan 2010:
- « *Incorporation and utilization of different skills highlighted in UNSCR 1325 are factors that increase the effectiveness of our personnel and can play a role in the overall **success of our operations**. Mainstreaming the principles of UNSCR 1325 into existing NATO operational procedures will improve our **outreach capacity in theatre**. »*

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## The Lisbon Summit (Nov 2010)



... We welcome the 10th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Guided by the Policy that we developed together with our Partners in the Euro Atlantic Partnership Council, we have already taken significant steps to implement it and its related Resolutions.

... We have today endorsed a **NATO Action Plan to mainstream the provisions of UNSCR 1325 into our current and future crisis management and operational planning, into Alliance training and doctrine, and into all relevant aspects of the Alliance's tasks.**

**We are committed to the implementation of this Policy and Action Plan as an integral part of our work to improve the Alliance's effectiveness, and today we endorsed recommendations to this end.**

We have tasked the Council to provide a progress report to our Foreign Ministers in December 2011 and at the next Summit.

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## Official Documents



- UNSCRs 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889
- NATO/EAPC Policy
- Bi-SC Directive 40-1, 2009
- 9 Defence Ministers' Letter to SecGen, Jan 2010
- Lisbon Summit Declaration, Nov 2010
- **NATO Action Plan for Operations and Missions (ISAF/KFOR)**
- Report to Foreign Ministers, Dec 2011

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# Official Documents



Chicago Summit 20-21 May 2012:

- Strategic Progress Report of the NATO Action Plan for Operations and Missions (ISAF/KFOR)
- Summit Communiqué
- Joint ISAF and Afghanistan Declaration

## CHICAGO SUMMIT Communiqué

... 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. 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. In line with the NATO/Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council (EAPC) Policy, the Alliance, together with its partners, has made significant progress in implementing the goals articulated in these Resolutions. In this regard, we have today endorsed a Strategic Progress Report on mainstreaming UNSCR 1325 and related Resolutions into NATO-led Operations and Missions, and welcomed Norway's generous offer to provide a NATO Special Representative for these important issues. 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 recall the firm mutual commitments made at the Bonn Conference on 5 December 2011, which form the basis of our long-term partnership. In this context, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan confirms its resolve to deliver on its commitment to a democratic society, based on the rule of law and good governance, including progress in the fight against corruption, where the human rights and fundamental freedoms of its citizens, including the equality of men and women and the active participation of both in Afghan society, are respected. The forthcoming elections must be conducted with full respect for Afghan sovereignty and in accordance with the Afghan Constitution. Their transparency, inclusivity and credibility will also be of paramount importance. In this context, continued progress towards these goals will encourage ISAF nations to further provide their support up to and beyond 2014. We emphasise the importance of full participation of all Afghan women in the reconstruction, political, peace and reconciliation processes in Afghanistan and the need to respect the institutional arrangements protecting their rights. We remain committed to the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325 on women, peace and security. We recognise also the need for the protection of children from the damaging effects of armed conflict as required in relevant UNSCRs. ...

## NATO ACTION PLAN

*Mainstreaming UNSCR 1325 into  
NATO-led Operations and Missions*



- Endorsed at the NATO Summit
- Elaborated in the Operations Policy Committee
- With all ISAF and KFOR contributing countries
- Focus on NATO-led operations and missions



*Concrete GOALS!*

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# Implementing the NATO Action Plan



(Ref: PO(2011)0336)

## Goals, Leading Entities, Deadlines:

- Crisis Management, Operational Planning and Exercises
- Training and Education for Operational Aspects
- Operational Execution
- Reports and Reporting Systems



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# Maritime Operations



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***Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes.  
There's just too much fraternizing with the  
enemy.***

***~Henry Kissinger***