

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR **PEACE & FREEDOM**



Recommendations on Conflict Prevention coming out of the African Regional WILPF Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon-December 2015

1. Culture of Peace

We encourage African states to recognise and support women's organisations' work to promote a culture of peace at the local, national and regional level.

2. National Action Plan of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325

We request that African states adopt and implement National Action Plans on the United Nations Security Council agenda on Women, Peace and Security, to ensure the full implementation of Resolution 1325 (2000) and its subsequent resolutions.

3. Disarmament

We request that African states ratify and implement the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and implement the UN Program on Action (PoA) against the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, in order to prevent gender based violence, such as armed conflict-related violence against women, in line with article 7.4 of the ATT and the gender references in the PoA Fifth Biennial Meeting of States outcome document. We also request that states take and support measures that promote disarmament norms, such as programs that target and involve the youth through peace education and banning the production and import of toy guns.

4. National and Transnational companies accountability

We urge that African states support the negotiations at the Human Rights Council and stand behind an international treaty that will make national, transnational companies accountable of any human rights violations and to ensure the establishment of a clear justice mechanism for citizens whose rights have been violated.

5. Regional solidarity collaboration

We ask the African states to recognise and support women organisations' solidarity across borders in the Region as a key measure to enable and facilitate conflict prevention by finding common ground, lessons learned, identifying challenges and best practises.

6. Media

We ask the African states to collaborate and engage with media that report on topics concerning women's participation, security and women organisation's work at the local and national level in order to create visibility in the region of these critical issues for conflict prevention.

7. Early Warning signals

We urge the African states to pay attention, listen and respect women's voices at the community level brought forward by women organisations in the region, as women at the community level often identify warning signals of emerging or escalating conflict at an early stage.

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8. Women's Situation Room

We encourage African states to adopt and implement Women's Situation Room processes in replication of the Nigerian process, in order to create a platform for peaceful elections and prevent electoral violence.

WILPF Sections and Groups represented at the conference:

WILPF Cameroon

WILPF Nigeria

WILPF Democratic Republic of Congo

WILPF Ghana

WILPF Sweden

WILPF International Secretariat

WILPF emerging Group Chad

WILPF emerging Group South Africa

WILPF emerging Group Burundi