

RECOMMENDATIONS

What Sweden can do to promote the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda in the UN Security Council

Developed in consultation with the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace, and Security and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders.

The UN System

1. Contribute to the **dismantling of silos in the UN system**. As stated in the Global Study: "avenues to strengthen interaction and information flows across the entire system should be pursued, and efforts made to limit the fragmentation and silos that can hamper effective response."
2. Work towards the **removal of immunity for UN peacekeeping personnel**—its non-military staff, including staff of UN funds and programmes involved with peacekeeping; its police; and its experts on mission—when they are accused of sexual exploitation or abuse. Promote the development of mandatory disciplinary measures to send a strong, consistent message about zero tolerance to countries that supply personnel.

Missions and the Work of the Security Council

3. Consider the need for **consistency in how WPS is integrated into country specific considerations** throughout the Council's work (including mission mandates, sanctions, field missions, commissions of inquiry etc.). Ensure that gender considerations have been integrated into Mission Mandates and that mandates include specific support and consultations with civil society.
4. Ensure the **systematic deployment of senior gender experts** from the outset of all missions and assessments.
5. Consider if **measures to protect civilians contribute to keeping women and girls safe** and if women were consulted in the planning and implementation of protection measures.

Reporting and Briefing

6. Consider **to what extent reports to the Security Council reflect women's concerns, needs, and interests**; to what extent reports include country specific gender analysis and sex and age disaggregated data.

7. Promote **the strengthening of gender analysis** and information being provided to the Security Council by the leadership of peace operations (peacekeeping and special political missions) - and this means also systematically asking senior envoys, mediators, SRSGs and force commanders on what specific WPS action is being taken.
8. Support **the use of CEDAW GR 30 as a complementary accountability and reporting mechanism** on 1325 and the supporting resolutions and make a concrete recommendation for all Member States who have ratified CEDAW to use it in reporting on 1325 implementation.
9. Support **regular consultations and briefings by civil society** in New York and across all peace operations and ensure that these consultations inform the planning and implementation of missions.
10. Supporting **regular briefing** to the Security Council by **the UN Women Executive Director and SRSG on Sexual Violence in Conflict**.