



# Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC)

## Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Committee



**WPS Background:** : On November 1, 2017 the Government of Canada launched Canada’s National Action Plan (C-NAP) for the Implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCR) on Women, Peace and Security 2017-2022. Civil society groups, including those part of the Women, Peace and Security Network – Canada (WPSN-C) are working with government to ensure Canada’s successful implementation of its ambitious five year agenda. There have been a number of WPS related UN resolutions over the years but the first one was UNSCR 1325. The UN resolutions reflect the global research that sustainable lasting peace in any situation or country is most likely to occur when women have been participated at all levels of the peace and security efforts.





**FMWC Background:** The 2017 FMWC AGM passed a motion to join with the 70+ Canadian organizations and individuals that are already part of the Women, Peace and Security Network in Canada (WPSN-C). A steering committee was struck in 2018.

### FMWC WPS Steering Committee:

- Dr. Nahid Azad is the first named chair.
- Immediate goals are to increase FMWC
  - awareness of WPS issues
  - visibility in WPSN-C
  - educational opportunities /events and
  - identification of potential advocacy projects for individual FMWC members, or organizationally (FMWC or Medical Women International Association)
- The Committee wishes to thank Beth Woroniuk, WPSN-C coordinator and Hon. Marilou McPhedran, Independent Senator from Manitoba and human rights lawyer for their mentorship. Senator McPhedran’s presentation **“Why Should Women Doctors Care About the UN Security Council Women, Peace and Security Agenda?”** is available for review on the FMWC website.



### THE FOUR PILLARS OF CANADA’S NATIONAL ACTION PLAN:

<b>Participation</b>	 • Inclusion of women and women’s interests in all decision-making processes related to the prevention, management and resolution of conflict.
<b>Conflict Prevention</b>	 • Prevention of conflict and all forms of violence against women and girls, particularly sexual and gender-based violence.
<b>Protection</b>	 • Protecting women and girl’s rights (including against gender based violence) to ensure all women can safely and fully participate in society.
<b>Relief and Recovery</b>	 • Ensuring women’s and girl’s specific relief needs while reinforcing women’s agency within the recovery process of conflict and post-conflict situations.

### Why is Women’s Participation Important for Peace ?

- Bring a different perspective to resolving conflict and building peace
- Create inclusive, gender equal and peaceful societies
- Help identify and address barriers to women’s participation
- Transform harmful gender relations and empower women
- Increase the well-being of women and girls in conflict-affected states

### What can FMWC members do now ?

- Go to [www..FMWC.ca](http://www..FMWC.ca) and get involved!
- Review the FMWC WPS blog
- Read the C-NAP and UNSCR 1325
- Explore the WPSN-C website
- Learn about other WPSN-C organizations
- Attend WPSN-C events
- Sign WPSN-C petitions as individuals
- Take “UN Women Training” free online courses
- Follow FMWC on Twitter for WPS updates

