

Medical women worldwide supporting Women, Peace and Security Initiatives

Whereas Canada's National Action Plan (C-NAP) objective is to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/wps/> by:

- 1) recognizing that sustainable peace is more likely to be achieved when women are fully involved at all levels of civil society and government work;
- 2) promoting the Implementation of the WPS Agenda through women's political and economic empowerment; and
- 3) encouraging women's full participation in conflict prevention, resolution, and post-conflict state building to create transformative solutions.

Whereas the existing FMWC WPS committee can leverage its voice by joining the Women, Peace, Security Network (WPS-N)- Canada with some 80+ other national groups and dedicated individuals to move forward in tandem to:

- 1) explore MWIA-WPS Network connections in other countries by working other groups and organizations and
- 2) work within the existing framework of UN, WHO, and governments.

Whereas women are under-represented both as official negotiators and as technical advisors, despite clear evidence that they have often been critical to working across political divides, building grassroots support for long term sustainable peace and security, and providing essential expertise on both human rights and issues such as health and resource access. Required changes include:

- 1) improved representation of women in key decision-making positions, including in authority institutions;
- 2) integrations of women's concerns into key political processes; and
- 3) consulting women in shaping political or humanitarian responses in countries and ensuring women's and girl's needs are not overlooked.

Be it resolved that the national associations of the MWIA establish Women Peace and Security (WPS) committee mandated to:

- 1) explore and educate its members regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security;
- 2) communicate opportunities to its members to promote the development and implementation of their nations Women, Peace and Security Agenda;
- 3) promote peace through Women's Political and Economic Empowerment, and
- 4) contribute, monitor and report to MWIA via the MWIA WPS committee all activities completed in support of the UN Security Council resolution 1325
- 5) MWIA form an international WPS committee to act as a community of practice to collate and coordinate the activities of the various national WPS committees