

GITEGA DECLARATION, adopted by the participants of the workshop of training and sensitization on United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820, facilitated by the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders and Women Peacemakers Program Trainees, in Gitega, Burundi on June 19, 2010

The participants,

Considering the contents of Resolutions 1325 and 1820,

Considering the National Action Plan on implementation of Resolutions 1325 and 1820 and the National strategy to combat Gender Based Violence (GBV),

Reaffirming the will to contribute to the effective implementation of the instruments related to the protection of women's rights,

I. Solemnly commit:

1. To form a core of messengers on Resolutions 1325 and 1820 of the Security Council of the United Nations,
2. To sensitize women on their rights and to diffuse the contents of Resolutions 1325 and 1820,
3. To sensitize the key actors (magistrates, defense forces, police force, administration, media, civil society...) on women and girls' rights,
4. To reinforce the channels of collaboration between various advocates of the implementation of Resolutions 1325 and 1820,
5. To discourage settlements in case of rape or any kind of violence and to inform the victims about their rights,
6. To intensify advocacy for the adoption and promulgation of the law on matrimonial succession, liberalities and norms; as well as the specific law on gender-based violence,
7. To sensitize young girls to join the military and police force,
8. To set up a data base on female competency at the local level in regards to conflict resolution,
9. To carry out surveys in all provinces in order to set up databases on various topics (sexual and domestic violence, rendered judgments etc),
10. To advocate for the integration of Resolutions 1325 and 1820 in the Communal Plans of Community Development (PCDC),

II. Call upon the government:

1. To respect gender balance in the nomination of positions of responsibility in all fields at all levels (Education Provincial Directions, Health, etc),
2. To promulgate an equality law about succession, liberalities and matrimonial norms,
3. To insert in the reform of the Criminal Procedure Code provisions specific to Gender-based Violence particularly aiming at the celerity and the accessibility of justice,
4. To reinforce services in charge of criminal research in investigations related to rape and other forms of sexual violence (DNA test etc.)

III. Encourage the Global Network Women Peacebuilders:

1. To continue to reinforce the capacities of the Core Messengers of Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on advocacy techniques, non-violent communication, peaceful conflicts resolution, etc.
2. To continue to support women's organizations in their fight for the promotion of human rights and the implementation of Resolutions 1325 and 1820.

IV. Urges the donor community:

1. To support financially and materially initiatives of the Core messengers of Resolutions 1325 and 1820,
2. To continue to support the women's organizations in their fight for the promotion of the human rights and the implementation of R1325 & 1820.

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