

WILPF Intervention Preparing for the 20th anniversary of 1325: Pledge of Commitments on Women, Peace and Security 23 April 2019

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There is one commitment that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) has made and been true to for over 100 years: a commitment to Peace; the very same that the United Nations and the Security Council are here to uphold.

The violent conflicts, inequalities and destruction we face today require urgent and ongoing action by States and the UN to address the root causes of war, analyse the political economy of violence, and address climate and environmental destruction.

Delivering on peace and security that is sustainable for all requires that member states address root causes:

- 1. It requires concrete, ongoing, and consistent commitments not just projects to inclusive peace processes and mediation that legitimize and engage with women and men who are building peace, rather than violent men reaching for power
- 2. It requires understanding gender and how our existing structures institutionalise discrimination and violence.
- 3. It requires really engaging with women, and ensuring women's meaningful participation, not just adding women as an afterthought;
- 4. It requires ending arms production and proliferation, and the reliance of economies on their continued development and sale;
- 5. And it means redistributing economic resources, investing in social protections, and building the conditions which make peace possible.

WILPF has submitted our commitments for 2020. Among these concrete commitments, WILPF, with our partners, will be working with global movements to call on States to support a formal end to the Korean war and a peace agreement with demilitarisation and disarmament on the Korean peninsula, and support for an inclusive peace process.

We will continue to hold Member States accountable for the laws and resolutions you are mandated to uphold, and the peace we are collectively all mandated to preserve and build.