



**SIDE EVENT**

**in the framework of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

**Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda:  
Experiences from Latin America**

**4 March 2013**

**11:30am-12:45pm**

**UN North Lawn Building (CR B), New York**

*Light lunch will be served*

Within the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57), to be held from 4 to 15 March 2013, whose priority theme is the "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls", the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations, will host the side event "*Implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Experiences from Latin America*" with the participation of UN Women and The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. This side event is an opportunity to share achievements and challenges emerging from the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 in the region.

In the last decade, the participation of women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution, and reconstruction has received an increasing attention. The introduction of a gender perspective at international and national levels has resulted in a better understanding of the importance of women's participation in peace negotiations, as well as in the reconstruction process in post-conflict societies. Various international fora have given an important role to the contribution of women to the issues of peace and security; however it is still necessary to advance in the understanding of the key role of women in building a sustainable peace.

Many civil society organizations and a number of governments are contributing to the implementation of UNSCR 1325 (2000) in Latin-American countries, such as in Colombia, Guatemala, Argentina, and Chile. The progress on the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 (2000) at national levels has been slow and challenging, and it requires a greater effort in the training of military and police personnel on gender issues, encouraging the participation of women in peacekeeping forces in conflict and post-conflict zones.



Substantive topics may include, among others:

- What is the situation regarding the implementation of Women, Peace and Security agenda in Latin America?
- What are the lessons learned from those countries implementing the UNSCR 1325 (2000)?
- What are the challenges that the region faces in the implementation?
- How can we combine efforts and resources for data collection and more technical support?

### Agenda

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| 11:30 – 12:20 pm | Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ambassador Octavio Errazuriz, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations (Welcoming words and introduction)</li><li>• Ms. Viviana Paredes, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Women of Chile (SERNAM)</li><li>• Ms. Carolina Contreras, Gender Adviser, Ministry of Defense of Chile</li><li>• Mr. Pablo Castillo, Protection Analyst, Peace and Security, UN Women.</li><li>• Ms. Mavic Cabrera, International Coordinator, The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders</li></ul> |
| 12:20-12:45pm    | Open discussion   |

Related documents:

- UN Women “UN Women Sourcebook on Women Peace and Security” (2012) Retrieved from <http://www.unwomen.org/publications/un-women-sourcebook-on-women-peace-and-security>
- Peace Operations Training Institute & UN Women, “Implementation of the Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) in Latin America and the Caribbean” (2011) Retrieved from [www.peaceopstraining.org](http://www.peaceopstraining.org)
- The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders, “Women Count: Security Council Resolution 1325: Civil Society Monitoring Report 2102” (2012).

We cordially invite you to attend this side event.

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(NGOs are kindly requested to register, if possible, by **20 February**)