

**2019-2021 NATIONAL ACTION PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
ON THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND
SECURITY AND TIMETABLE FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION**

INTRODUCTION

Since 2000, the international community has been gradually strengthening the approach that equal involvement of women is necessary for comprehensive and all-encompassing peace and security. Based on this approach, on 31 October 2000, the United Nations (UN) Security Council (SC) adopted Resolution 1325 entitled “Women, Peace and Security”. The Resolution is the first such document adopted by the UN which refers, in institutional terms, to the impact of armed conflicts on women, involvement of women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding. The Resolution refers to the important role that women play in conflict prevention and resolution, negotiations on peaceful resolution, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, other humanitarian missions, as well as post-conflict reconstruction.

The Resolution 1325 is based on the following five pillars: prevention, protection, participation, relief and recovery and monitoring.

Since protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms are among the priorities of the Armenian internal and foreign policy, the increase of the role of women in the public life, as well as their involvement in peace and security are of utmost significance for the Republic of Armenia.

In the context of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Armenia attaches special importance to ensuring the active participation of women in all stages of conflict cycle and protection of women affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict and their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thus, Armenia considers the Action Plan on implementation of the provisions of the UN SC Resolution 1325 as a national mechanism for the protection and promotion of women’s rights in public life.

By the decision of the Government No 483-N of 4 May 2017 and of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia No 1014-A of 13 September 2017 an Action Plan for 2017-2019, Committed to National Human Rights Protection Strategy has been adopted since its point 76 thereof directly refers to the development of a National Action Plan on the implementation of the provisions of the Resolution 1325 as well as an Interagency Commission has been established for the same purpose.

Accordingly, the Interagency Commission is composed of the representatives of:

- 1) the Prime Minister’s Office;
- 2) the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- 3) the Ministry of Defence;
- 4) the Ministry of Justice;

- 5) the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs;
- 6) the Ministry of Economic Development and Investments;
- 7) the Ministry of Emergency Situations;
- 8) the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development;
- 9) the Police of the Republic of Armenia;
- 10) the National Institute of Education of the Ministry of Education and Science;
- 11) the State Migration Service of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development;
- 12) the Armenian Red Cross Society.

The coordination of the development of the National Plan has been carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Report on the implementation of the Resolution 1325 by the Republic of Armenia has been circulated as an UN official document (S/2017/54) on 19 January 2017.

**National Action Plan of the Republic of Armenia
on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325(2019-2021)**

Participation

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1.	Promote initiatives for the involvement of women in different subdivisions of the Armed Forces, paying special attention to the integration of women in such subdivisions which participate in peacekeeping missions.	<p>Clarification of the conditions and standards for the involvement of women and promotion of their rights within the defence system, expansion of the spheres of involvement and increasing their role in decision-making at all levels.</p> <p>Increase of the number of military servicewomen in the subdivisions of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia that participate in peacekeeping operations of the United Nations.</p>	2019-2021	<p>Update of educational programmes of military educational institutions of the Republic of Armenia.</p> <p>Increase of the number of military servicewomen in the peacekeeping missions of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Armenia.</p> <p>Increase of the number of female students at military educational institutions of the Republic of Armenia.</p> <p>Increase of the number of military servicewomen in peacekeeping training courses organized by</p>	Ministry of Defence	United Nations Population Fund (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law

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				international organisations.			
2.	Promote cooperation between governmental bodies, women's organisations and women affected by conflicts, in the fields of conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding.	Organization of state-supported awareness raising campaigns and programmes for women's organisations and women affected by conflicts on such issues as conflict prevention, confidence building measures, peacebuilding, as well as the challenges and risks related to them.	2019-2021	Ensuring more targeted activities within 1325 gender thematic group, including availability of seminars for women affected by conflicts.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs – together with the international organisation coordinating the gender thematic group (upon consent)	Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Ministry of Defence	Other sources not prohibited by law
3.	Support for the introduction of the gender perspective into the framework of reforms conducted in the Police of the Republic of Armenia.	Implementation of the project entitled "Strengthening Police-Public Partnership in Armenia" in the framework of Armenia Cooperation Programme with the OSCE.	2019-2020	Increase of the number of women in Police subdivisions, including the managerial positions. Increase of the number of female students at the Police Academy.	Police	OSCE (upon consent) United Nations Population Fund (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.
4.	Promote the programmes aimed at ensuring the involvement of women in economic, social, educational and environmental spheres; ensure the women participation from border communities.	Establishment of women's resource centres. Addressing gender perspective in the action plans of Aarhus Centres. Implementation of the project on economic empowerment of women within the framework of the Armenia Cooperation Programme with the OSCE.	1 year (continuous)	Increase of the number of women's resource centres, wider involvement of women in Aarhus Centres.	Ministry of Education and Science. Ministry of Nature Protection. Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Non-Governmental Organisations (upon consent) Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development United Nations Population Fund (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.

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						Human Rights Defender (upon consent)	
5.	Development of the culture of civil security, primarily in border settlements.	Organization of trainings on protection of population in crisis situations with women's enhanced participation.	2019-2021	Availability of relevant materials in training programmes.	Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Armenia	International Committee of the Red Cross (upon consent) Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent) Non-Governmental Organisations (upon consent) United Nations Population Fund (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.
6.	Promote participation of women in the policy development and decision-making processes within the defence system.	Raise awareness on the role of women serving in the Armed Forces	2019-2021	Increase of the number of women in the advisory bodies, commissions and working groups within the framework of the Ministry of Defence or with the participation of the Ministry of Defence.	Ministry of Defence	Non-governmental organisations (upon consent) Human Rights Defender (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.

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7.	Support the social adaptation of wives to the soldiers in military units of border settlements	Collaboration with national institutions, local self-governing bodies, non-governmental organisations on the issues of social integration of wives to the soldiers.	2019-2021	Implementation of measures and programs aimed at improving the demographic situation	Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development	Ministry of Defence	Other sources not prohibited by law.

Protection

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8.	Ensure protection of women and girls from violence during conflicts.	Cooperation with international and national organisations in prevention of violence against women affected by armed conflicts and provision of protection to women having experienced violence. Trainings for relevant investigators, military prosecutors and judges, especially on the actions aimed at preventing, detecting and reacting to cases of violence against women and girls. Improvement of referral mechanisms for women having experienced violence, particularly rape and other forms of sexual abuse.	2019-2021	Availability of training courses on civil protection, availability of shelters in border settlements. Awareness raising measures and trainings.	Ministry of Defence Ministry of Emergency Situations Police Special Investigation Service (upon consent) General Prosecutor's Office (upon consent)	Ministry of Justice Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs International Committee of the Red Cross (upon consent) Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent) United Nations Population Fund (upon consent) Non-Governmental Organisations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.

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9.	Protection of the rights of women and girls affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.	<p>Development and implementation of rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for women and girls affected by the Nagorno- Karabakh conflict, including those suffered from the large-scale offensive of April 2016 by the Armed Forces of Azerbaijan, taking into consideration their special needs.</p> <p>Assessment of educational needs, the organization of the education according to the estimated demands of women and girls affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict for the implementation of the women's right to education.</p>	2019-2021	<p>Availability of rehabilitation and reintegration programmes.</p> <p>Increase of the number of rehabilitation and reintegration services and quality improvement.</p>	<p>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>Ministry of Justice</p> <p>Ministry of Education and Science</p> <p>Non-governmental organisations (upon consent)</p>	Other sources not prohibited by law.
10.	Ensure special protection of displaced women and girls	Granting refugee status and asylum under the procedure prescribed by the Law of the Republic of Armenia "On refugees and asylum".	2019-2021	<p>Improvement of the results of the ARCS programme , expansion of services provided to female asylum-seekers and refugees.</p> <p>Maintenance of the cases of SGBV survived women.</p>	State Migration Service of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development of the Republic of Armenia	International organisations (UNHCR– upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.
11.	Ensure the protection of social and economic rights of women and girls residing in the settlements affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.	<p>Implementation of individual socio-economic and rehabilitation programmes for women and girls residing in the settlements affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict(social psychological rehabilitation).</p> <p>Involvement of women in accessible economic integration programmes, including through NGOs.</p>	2019-2021	<p>Availability of social rehabilitation programmes</p> <p>Establishment of a multidisciplinary working group aimed at assessing the social needs of women and girls residing in the settlements affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict</p> <p>(a) Implementation of employment projects by women's resource centres</p>	<p>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs</p> <p>Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development</p> <p>Ministry of Finance</p>	<p>Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia.</p> <p>United Nations Population Fund (upon consent)</p> <p>Non-governmental organisations (upon consent)</p>	Other sources not prohibited by law.

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				(b) Elaboration of needs assessment questionnaires and assessment of needs. Creation of new jobs for women.		International organisations (upon consent), Human Rights Defender (upon consent) Private sector “Small and Medium Entrepreneurship Development National Center of Armenia” Fund (upon consent)	
12.	Co-operate with the authorities of the Republic of Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabakh) in respect of implementation of the UN SC Resolution 1325.	Conduct regular consultations between the state authorities of the Republic of Armenia and those of Artsakh.	2019-2021	Amount of consultations	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia	Interested governmental agencies of the Republic of Armenia Non Governmental Organizations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law

Prevention

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13.	Prevention of gender-based violence	Organization of special trainings for the staff of peacekeeping forces.	2019-2021	Availability of training materials	Ministry of Justice	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Other sources not prohibited by law.

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		Examination and investigation of cases of violation of the norms of international humanitarian and human rights law committed against civilians.		Availability of ECHR cases	Ministry of Defence Police	Gender thematic group (upon consent) Non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	
14.	Raising awareness of the topics on women, security and peace	Translation of the Resolution 1325 and targeted distribution. Wide awareness- raising on international documents concerning women's rights. Implementation of practical work in relevant subjects in the field of general education, the integration of the existing training materials in the relevant subjects and the materials informing the teachers on pre-qualification training modules.	2019-2020	Possession by women of information on the protection of their rights, availability of a manual on women's rights in the Armenian	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Justice Ministry of Defence Ministry of Education and Science	International organisations (upon consent) Non-governmental organizations (upon consent) United Nations Population Fund (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law.
15.	Development of educational capacities, including information on Resolution 1325 into the educational programmes	Give recommendations to the higher educational institutions to include into their syllabus modules and international courses on the protection of women's rights and ensuring of equal opportunities for women within the defence system and related sectors. Training of teaching staff, as well as preparation of materials for studies.	2020-2021	Availability of relevant courses, study materials and lectures in the curricula with the consent of higher educational institutions. Availability of relevant courses, materials and lectures in the curricula of higher military educational institutions.	Ministry of Defence Ministry of Education and Science	Academy of Justice Chamber of Advocates (upon consent) Police Academy (upon consent) United Nations Children's Fund (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law
16.	Raising the awareness of the Military Police, Investigative Committee and Military Prosecutor's Office on the protection of women rights in the field of security.	Organisation of seminars on the protection of women's rights in the field of security for the representatives of the Staff of the Military Police, and for the	2019-2021	Raising awareness at military law enforcement authorities	Military Police Investigative Committee (upon consent) General Prosecutor's Office (upon consent)	Ministry of Defence International organisations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law

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		Investigative Committee and Military Prosecutor's Office.					

Relief and recovery

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16.	Provision of socio-psychological and legal assistance to displaced women and those under risk of displacement taking into consideration the results of the assessment.	Cooperate with international organisations and the public sector for the purpose of assessment of the needs of displaced women (as well as their families) and those under risk of displacement. Assess the teaching of the Armenian language, civil orientation, provision of temporary shelter, employment, medical aid, social assistance, education, legal aid and other social and economic and cultural needs of persons recognised as refugees and persons having been granted asylum in the Republic of Armenia and consequently develop the relevant integration plan.	2019-2021	Assessment of the needs of displaced women and girls and those under the risk of displacement	State Migration Service of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development	Ministry of Healthcare Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs International organisations – UNHCR (upon consent) Non-governmental organisations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law
17	Development of the culture of protection of women's rights and ensuring equal opportunities within the defence system and introducing the monitoring mechanisms for its protection.	Organization of meetings-conferences on the role of women within the defence system with different groups of society, including the participation of international experts.	2019-2021	Availability of conferences and seminars. Monitoring of the protection of women's rights within the defence system.	Ministry of Defence Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs	International organisations (upon consent) Non-governmental organisations (upon consent) Human Rights Defender (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law

Monitoring and Evaluation

In order to conduct monitoring and evaluation of the National plan, a year prior to the implementation a working group will be established, consisting of three Ministries (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs) and three Non-governmental organisations, which have sufficient experience and knowledge on issues related to Women, Peace and Security. The aim of the group on the annual basis will be to assess the effectiveness of the work done within the framework of 1325 Action Plan, to raise problems and come up with the appropriate recommendations.