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ON APPROVAL OF THE SECOND NATIONAL ACTION PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 2022-2024

OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

Guided by Article 146 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, the 13th point of the section "Ministry of Foreign Affairs" of the "Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Armenia for 2021-2026" approved by Annex 1 to the Decision N 1902-L of November 18, 2021

The Government of the Republic of Armenia decides:

- 1. To approve the Second National Action Plan of the Republic of Armenia for 2022-2024 of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and its implementation schedule in accordance with the Annex.
- 2. This decision enters into force on the day following its publication.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Annex of} \\ \textbf{The Decision of the Government of the Republic of Armenia} \\ \textbf{2022 year } \ N-L \end{array}$

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Introduction

The Republic of Armenia developed National Acton Plan (hereinafter Plan) on UN Security Council Resolution 1325, thus reaffirming its willingness to continue the work towards the themes on women, peace and security. The plan is based on the previous National Action Plan analysis and takes into consideration the achievements and lessons learnt. The Plan refers to the issues and challenges emerged for the women and girls displaced in the result of the war of aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against Artsakh in autumn 2020, as well as for the women and girls of the border regions of Armenia. As a result of the war of aggression, 80 civilians were killed, 12 of which were women, meanwhile the majority of them were older persons.

As a result of the war of aggression more than 91.000 persons were forcibly displaced and provided with shelter in Armenia, 88 percent of them were women and children. The use of force had its negative impact on regional stability and the lives and health of hundreds of thousands of people were jeopardized.

The war of aggression has unleashed and continued in the conditions of COVID-19 pandemic, thus complicating making the situation of women and girls.

Thus, the Plan represents the problems of women and girls appeared in a critical situation, referring to their security component. The Plan specifies the issues of forcibly displaced women, emerged security-related challenges as a result of the new border situation and their impact on women and girls. The Plan emphasizes the importance of women's participation in the defense system, underlines the necessity of involving local self-government bodies in order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Plan at the local level.

The Plan covers a timeline of three years, and, being a living document, has the opportunity to be revised and amended, to reflect the current situation.

The Plan has been designed based on the principle of inclusive participation, particularly, in the process of its development in addition to state institutions there were involved representatives of non-governmental organizations and women affected by the war, including those who were displaced from Artsakh.

The Plan reaffirms the necessity of cooperation among various institutions inside the country, as well as of international cooperation.

Thus, based on the main pillars of 1325 - participation, protection, prevention, recovery and relief: new separate direction – cooperation - is being added to the 2022 - 2024 NAP. The Plan defines a new strategy of monitoring and proposes a mechanism which can best assess the effectiveness of its implementation.

The Plan is in line with other strategies of Armenia on women's advancement and gender equality, which enables an accurate calculation and use of potential human and financial resources. The Plan has taken into account Armenia's international commitments on the rights of women and gender equality issues, including those in the framework of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, the Universal Periodic Review and others.

Armenia has also included the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 provisions as a significant issue in the list of its 2020 – 2022 membership priorities to the Human Rights Council.

As a country fighting against mass atrocities, Armenia highly prioritizes the role of women and girls in the context of genocide prevention in its 1325 Plan.

1325 resolution "emphasizes the responsibility of all States to put an end to impunity and to prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes including those relating to sexual and other violence against women and girls, and in this regard stresses the need to exclude these crimes, where feasible from amnesty provisions".

1. Participation

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
1.	Promotion of the policy aimed at the involvement of women in different subdivisions of the Armed Forces.	Raising awareness on the role of women serving in the Armed Forces	Implementation of mechanisms for promoting women's involvement in policy-making in the defense sector. Increase of the number of female applicants to military educational	2022-2024	Ministry of Defense	Human rights defender (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries, nongovernmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non- governmental organizations

2.	Promotion of	Enhancement	institutions of the Republic of Armenia. Increasing the	2022-	RA Police	RA Ministry of	Other sources not prohibited by law
	the involvement and advancement of women in the police system	of involvement of female applicants and lecturers in the Police Academy Awareness among decision makers in the Police system on the issues of women and equal rights and opportunities for women and men	number of events aimed at career guidance, including the number of the courses	2024	RA Ministry of Justice	Labour and Social Affairs International organizations, stakeholder countries and nongovernmental organizations (upon consent)	resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

3.	Ensure the involvement of women of border regions (including those appeared in the new security situation), and forcibly displaced women in the discussion of security-related issues	Ensuring women's involvement and participation in the activities of LSGs and designing of community development programmes Assessment of women's security needs Inclusion of the security component in the projects of non- governmental organizations, including	Increasing the number of discussions and courses on security issues for female members of community Elders' Councils Reflection of women's security needs assessment results in all RA strategies	2022-2024	Local self-government bodies of border communities	Other bodies of RA state administration Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non- governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

4.	women's	women's resource centers Identification of economic	Ensuring equal opportunities for	2022- 2024	RA Ministry of Environment	RA regional administrations	Financial resources of
	participation in the process of development of national and community programmes and of decision- making on climate change mitigation, adaptation	sectors and communities more vulnerable to climate change and development of programmes, with the involvement of women's professional and social groups	women's participation in the national and community programmes on the relevant sectors			and local self- government bodies (upon consent) UN Development Programme (upon consent) Other international organizations, stakeholder countries and non- governmental organizations (upon consent)	international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

5.	Increasing	Organizing	Ensuring an	2022-	RA Ministry of	Armenian Red	Financial
	preparedness of	trainings on	increased number	2024	Emergency	Cross Society	resources of
	women to cope	population	of women,		Situations	(upon consent)	international
	with crisis	protection	participating in				organizations
	situations in	and on civil	trainings			United Nations	Financial
	border	protection				Population	
	communities	issues in				Fund	resources of
		crisis				(upon consent)	non-
		situations in					governmental
		border				Other	organizations
		communities				international	Other sources
						organizations,	not prohibited
						stakeholder	by law
						countries and	
						non-	
						governmental	
						organizations	
						(upon consent)	
6.	Awareness on	Organizing	Awareness raising	2022-	RA Ministry of	Human Rights	Financial
	the importance	meetings and	on women and	2024	Defense	Defender	resources of
	of women's role	conferences	security topic		RA Ministry of	(upon consent)	international
	in the defense	with various			Territorial		organizations
	system	groups of the			Administration	International	Financial
		society on the			and	organizations,	
		role of			Infrastructure	stakeholder	resources of
		women in the				countries and	non-

defense		non-	governmental
system;		governmental	organizations
including the		organizations	Other sources
participation		(upon consent)	not prohibited
of			by law
international			
experts			

2. Protection

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
7.	Ensuring protection of women and girls having experienced violence during conflicts.	Capacity building for the workers of entities responsible for displacement and relocation increasing the gender sensitivity Training for law-	Carrying out research work as needed Organization of trainings and raising awareness (victims protection and warning mechanisms).	2022-2024	RA Police RA Academy of Justice (upon consent)	Ministry of Emergency Situations RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs National Security Service	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non- governmental organizations

		enforcement bodies, judges Improvement of referral mechanisms for women having experienced violence, including sexual abuse; localization of best international practices	Training of about 100 judges and persons included in the list of candidates for judges and about 250 prosecutors and persons included in the list of candidates for prosecutors, throughout 1 year			Regional administrations and local self- government bodies (upon consent) Human Rights Defender (upon consent) Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and non- governmental organizations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law
8.	Ensuring the special protection of	Building shelters in border	Increasing the number and improving the	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs	Financial resources of

	women and	settlements and	quality of		RA Ministry	Migration	international
	girls in case	making	shelters		of Health	Service of RA	organizations
	of wars, emergency situations and epidemics	adjustments to existing shelters, based on gender-specific standards Ensuring gender sensitivity in the implementation and application of COVID-19 pandemic response mechanisms	Existence of civil protection courses, considering gender-related specificities			Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure RA Urban Development Committee International organizations, stakeholder countries and non- governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
9	Supporting the social adaptation of the wives of military servicemen, deployed in	Cooperation with national institutions, local self- governing bodies, non- governmental	Conducting professional training courses to ensure employment for military	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs RA Ministry of Territorial Administration	RA Ministry of Defense	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of

	the military units in border settlements	organizations on the social integration of military servicemen's wives	servicemen's wives		and Infrastructure		non- governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
10	Conducting courses, aimed at the development of first aid skills in emergency situations and/or at war (paying special attention to displaced women and women in border regions)	Ensuring cooperation with LSGs	Increasing the number of first aid courses for women and girls	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	RA Ministry of Health Armenian Red Cross RA regional administrations and local selfgovernment bodies (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of nongovernmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

3. Prevention

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
11	Participation of women and girls in activities, aimed at the prevention of genocides, crimes against humanity and war crimes	Examination and collection and awareness raising of cases on the violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law (including those committed as a result of 2020 aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh) against civilians	Development and dissemination of training materials Summary information on Armenia's international work towards genocide prevention	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia to the European Court of Human Rights	RA Ministry of Defense Human Rights Defender (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and nongovernmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of nongovernmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

12	Raising awareness and development of skills on the topics on women, security and peace	Studying the work by the RA aimed at genocide prevention Organizing special training for the peace-keeping contingent and Police staff Increasing awareness on UN SCR 1325, translation and dissemination of related resolutions English translation of UN SCR 1325 second	Increasing the number of women in the awareness raising campaigns and courses for skills development	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs RA Ministry of Justice RA Ministry of Defense	International organizations, stakeholder countries and nongovernmental organizations (upon consent)	State budget Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non- governmental organizations Other sources not
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		national action plan Ensuring wide awareness raising on international documents regarding women's rights					prohibited by law
13	Building educational capacity, including information on UN SCR 1325 in educational curricula	To include in the curricula of higher educational institutions courses on ensuring the protection of woman rights and equal opportunities in the defense system or related sectors,	Availability of relevant courses, training materials and lectures in the curricula of higher educational institutions in RA Availability of relevant courses,	2022- 2024	RA Ministry of Defense RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport	International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of nongovernmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

	Including	educational		
	awareness	materials and		
	raising	lectures in the		
	materials in the	curricula of		
	modules for	military		
	teachers' pre-	educational		
	attestation	institutions		
	training			
	programmes	Availability of		
		awareness		
		raising		
		materials in		
		the training		
		modules for		
		school		
		teachers and		
		academic staff		
		Availability of		
		awareness		
		materials in		
		trainings for		
		pedagogical		
		staff		

14	Increasing	Organization	Increasing of	2022-	RA	Human Rights	Financial
	awareness	of workshops	number of	2024	Investigative	Defender (upon	resources of
	among the	for the	workshops for		Committee	consent)	international
	staff of	representatives	awareness		D.	T 1	organizations
	General	of the	raising in the		Prosecutor	International	_
	Military	Investigative	military law		General's	organizations,	Financial
	Investigative	Committee	enforcement		Office of the	stakeholder	resources of
	Department(and the	bodies		RA	countries and non-	non-
	GMID) of	Military			RA Academy	governmental	governmental
	the	Prosecutor's			of Justice	organizations	organizations
	Investigative	Office on the			of Justice	(upon consent)	Other sources
	Committee	protection of					not
	and Military	women's					prohibited by
	Prosecutor's	rights in the					law
	Office on the	security sector					
	protection of						
	women's						
	rights in						
	security						
	sector						
15	Implementati	Create a	Development	2022-	RA Ministry	International	Financial
	on of	national	of cyber	2024	of High-Tech	organizations,	resources of
	measures for	excellence	literacy and		Industry	stakeholder	
	the activity of		enhancement			countries and non-	

women in	center for	of fight against		governmental	international
cyber security programmes, strengthening		cybercrime, protection of personal data,		organizations (upon consent)	organizations Financial resources of
confidence in digital solutions		considering the specific issues, related to women			non- governmental organizations Other sources not
					prohibited by law

4. Relief and recovery

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
16	Psychological and legal support to forcibly displaced women or	Needs assessment (will be implemented on the basis of the order of	Needs assessment of displaced women and girls and of those under the	2023-2024	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Migration Service of RA	RA Ministry of Health RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	Financial resources of international organizations

women under	the RA	risk of	Ministry of	International	Financial
risk of	Minister of	displacement,	Territorial	organizations,	resources of
displacement,	Labor and	development	Administration	stakeholder	non-
	Social Affairs	and	and	countries and	governmental
	25.01.2017	implementation	Infrastructure	non-	organizations
	N6-A/1)	of a relevant		governmental	Other sources
	Development	integration plan		organizations	not prohibited
	and			(upon consent)	by law
	implementatio				
	n of				
	rehabilitation				
	(including				
	psychological				
) and				
	integration				
	programmes				
	Provision and				
	improvement				
	of quality of				
	rehabilitation				
	and				
	integration				
	services				

Karabakh in			
1988-1992			

5. Cooperation

N	Objective	Measures	Performanc e Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
18	Ensuring of cooperation among all local platforms within UN SCR 1325 program	Promotion of cooperation, implementation of joint projects mutual visits, exchange of experience	Increasing the number of joint visits and implemented projects	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	All structures involved in 1325 Commission International organizations, stakeholder countries and nongovernmental	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non- governmental organizations

						organizations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law
19	Ensuring of cooperation with countries that have UN SCR 1325 National Action Plans, stakeholder international organizations and women's foundations	Mutual visits, exchange of experience, involvement of experts Holding joint conferences Application of the best international practice Joining regional and international 1325 networks	Strengthenin g of knowledge Strengthenin g of RA position on international platforms	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	All structures involved in the 1325 Commission International organizations, stakeholder countries and nongovernmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
20	Study of international best practice and	Study of the practice of leading countries,	Develop- ment and representa- tion of	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Defense RA Ministry of Territorial	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Financial resources of

	organization of	recommenda	Administration	International	international
t of v	visits	tions as a	and	organizations,	organizations
cooperation to promote women's participation in the defense sector,	•				

21	Ensuring of	Organization of	Ensuring the	2022-2024	RA Ministry	RA stakeholder	Financial
	cooperation	regular	number of		of Foreign	agencies	resources of
	and	consultations	consultations		Affairs		international
	exchange of	and topical	and topical			International	organizations
	experience	discussions, alng	discussions			organizations,	
	on the	with the				stakeholder	Financial
	implementati	participation of				countries and	resources of
	on of UN	international				non-	non-
	SCR 1325	experts				governmental	governmental
	and related					organizations	organizations
	resolutions					(upon consent)	Other sources
	with the						not prohibited
	authorities						by law
	and non-						
	governmen-						
	tal						
	organizations						
	in Nagorno-						
	Karabakh						
22	Establish-	Study of UN's	Involvement	2022-2024	RA Ministry	RA stakeholder	Financial
	ment of	experience on	in the		of Foreign	agencies	resources of
	cooperation	the issues of	international		Affairs	T. 4 4 1	international
	with the UN	prevention and	discussions			International	organizations
	Secretary-	protection of	on the issues			organizations,	Financial
	General's	women and girls	of early			stakeholder	
	Office on		prevention,			countries and	resources of

Genocide	from mass	peace-		non-	non-
Prevention	atrocities	keeping		governmental	governmental
		missions,		organizations	organizations
		victims' protection, justice and compensatio n		(upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law

6. Monitoring and Assessment

Submission of annual reports by the members of the Interagency Commission, ensuring the implementation of Resolution 1325. Establishment of a working group, consisting of agencies and NGOs that are members of the Commission (with the involvement of international experts, as appropriate), to assess the submitted reports and evaluate the effectiveness of the conducted work.