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“Inadequate specific resource allocations have contributed to slow progress in the implementation of the resolution [Security Council resolution 1325] in practice. We must ensure that regular budgetary resources are specifically allocated for both gender mainstreaming and in initiatives targeted at women and girls.” Secretary-General's report on Women, Peace and Security (S/2004/814)

Despite laudable efforts by many women's groups, Member States and United Nations actors, the lack of dedicated regular budgetary funds allocated to ensure the broad implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 continues to impede women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution in post-conflict peacebuilding peacemaking and peacebuilding processes.

The NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security urges Member States at the 52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women to:

- Recognize the serious under-resourcing of the United Nation's gender-specific entities necessary to support women's equal participation in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building;
- Recognize that extra-allocated funding alone for gender equality is not sufficient. The United Nations must guarantee that adequate, dedicated and sustained regular budgetary funds are enhanced in order to build and consolidate the capacity of women and women's groups to participate fully in peacebuilding processes.
- Reiterate a call for improved collection, analysis and inclusion of information on women and gender issues, including sexual violence, as part of conflict prevention and early warning efforts;
- Support the UN Secretary-General's recommendation for a dedicated Security Council mechanism to more effectively monitor women's equal participation in conflict prevention and peacebuilding and sexual violence against women in conflict;
- Call for action on a stronger consolidated United Nation's women's entity, with adequate resources, operational capacity in the field, and a mandate and high level leadership to drive the agenda, including the protection of women's rights and equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution in post-conflict peacebuilding peacemaking and peacebuilding processes.