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## **10 recommendations for UNSCR 1325 implementation from 60 women's organizations in conflict regions around the world**

These recommendations to international stakeholders and UN Member States' governments are based on a qualitative survey that The Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation conducted with 60 local partners, i.e. women's groups in the Balkans, in the Middle East and in the South Caucasus in August 2010.

Above all:

1. Raise the question of accountability and establish effective and transparent monitoring, reporting and implementation of Resolution 1325 by UN Member States, international and regional intergovernmental bodies.
2. Give sustained support to partnerships and exchange between like-minded governments, NGOs and other international and regional actors that are committed to implement Resolution 1325 and have experience thereof.

Also:

3. Reduce excessive military expenditures and control the availability of arms.
4. Develop and apply a system of early warning and early response on violence against women in conflict areas, based on lessons learnt from

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various regions, and provide adequate resources for reintegration of women subjected to violence.

5. Condition all forms of support to governments with gender budgeting and provide funding directly to ngo's, especially to women's groups, in conflict and transition countries where governments do not respect or encourage the democratically crucial watchdog role of civil society groups.
6. Support regional exchange between women's groups in conflict regions to learn from each others' successful methods and approaches. Pay special attention to unrecognized entities and partially recognized countries in conflict regions and support women's groups' work for peace and security in these settings.
7. Support the development of national action plans for effective implementation of the resolution, and ensure that women's groups are involved in the process.
8. At national level, ensure gender balance in government delegations and peace and reconstruction negotiations, including minority groups, and introduce quotas for women's participation in political decision-making institutions.
9. Ensure that all relevant literature on Resolution 1325 is translated into all UN languages to ensure global reach and inclusion of women in conflict regions.
10. Include an explicit gender perspective in UN reports.