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As follow up to the Ambassadors luncheon on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, WILPF would like to draw your attention to the four priorities identified by the “Women, Peace Security: From Resolution to Action” Protection Consultation for furthering the Women, Peace and Security Agenda.

### 1. Address the human rights elements of Women, Peace and Security through the Human Rights mechanisms

Mary Robinson named Human Rights as the missing element in implementation of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda (SCR1325, 1820, 1888, 1889). Reporting through Human Rights Council, UPR and treaty bodies acts as an early warning mechanism and prevention tool allowing the international community to recognize the gendered indicators of potential instability. Enhanced participation in Human Rights mechanisms promotes accountability and action against violations. States should seek to support civil society in their efforts to engage with the international mechanisms in this manner.

### 2. Redefine security

Emphasize human security and development as the foremost element in promoting a secure society and ensure the separation of military intervention from humanitarian activities.

### 3. Fund local women's organisations and networks

Fund local women's organisations and networks to deliver services to their community. Recognizing that activities relating to social services, education, health, psychosocial counseling are a vital part of prevention, protection and participation, the three “Ps” of the WPS Agenda.

### 4. Arms Control

Arms Control was identified as a fourth pertinent factor in preventing conflict and promoting sustainable peace, both as a direct consequence of their use but also in the diversion of available resources.

We hope that these points will be of assistance to you and that the commitment given by the European Union and its member States to the effective implementation of SCR1325, will be realized.

We thank you for your attention and support.

Yours Faithfully,

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