
OSCE ROUND TABLE ON GENDER & SECURITY INVOLVING WOMEN: A KEY ISSUE IN SECURITY AND PEACE RECONSTRUCTION

11 MARCH 2009, 15:00 - 17:00
VIENNA, HOFBURG, SEGMENTGALERIE I

Opening

15:00 – 15:20

Representative of the Greek Chairmanship
- Welcome

Jamila Seftaoui, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender issues
Office of the Secretary General
- Introduction & Moderation

Presentations by speakers

15:20 – 15:45

Donald Steinberg, Deputy President for Policy, International Crisis Group, Brussels

Peace Missions and Gender Equality: Tales from the Ground

Addressing gender concerns in peace process and post-conflict reconstruction and ensuring the full involvement of women in these processes are not simply exercises in fairness or equality: they are essential steps to ensure the stability of post-conflict societies and the success of OSCE missions. Evidence will be reviewed from such varied peace processes as Angola, Bosnia, Darfur, and Nepal, including cautionary tales regarding the risks of exclusion.

15:50 – 16:15

Margaret Ward, Director, Women's Resource and Development Agency, Belfast

From negotiation of the peace to implementation of the peace agreement: a gender analysis of the Northern Ireland experience

Northern Ireland is considered to be a success story in terms of its 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Women were heavily involved in developing the terms of the Agreement, but the post-conflict reality is that women remain marginalized in political and public life, with significant consequences also for the implementation of the peace agreement. Apart from the Northern Ireland case, other experiences will also be reviewed in considering whether gender equality in decision making can improve the chances of a sustainable peace.

Comments by discussant

16:20 – 16:30

Ambassador Heiner Horsten, Head of the permanent mission of Germany to the OSCE, Vienna

Debate & closing

16:30 – 17:00

Cocktail reception

17:00 – 18:00