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BACKGROUND GUIDE





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COUNCIL BACKGROUND

UN Women is the UN body created to promote gender equality. Its work on women in conflict is built on decades of global agreements. The most important is UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), which started the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda. This landmark law demands that women be included in peace talks, protected from conflict violence, and given roles in post-war governments.

To make progress on this topic, delegates in a UN Women council must use Resolution 1325 as their main tool. They should develop specific plans to ensure women are not just present, but have real power, at every peace table.



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THE 1325 RESOLUTION

The 1325 Resolution implores everyone to work within the framework of 3 essential elements:

- The participation of women in peace negotiations and all levels of decision-making.
- The protection of women and girls from gender-based violence during conflict.
- The integration of a gender perspective into all UN peace and security work.



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OUR MISSION

As delegates of this UN Women council, your mission is to move from principles to practice. Resolution 1325 provides the essential framework, but its promises remain unfulfilled for millions. Your task is to bridge this gap by drafting actionable, specific, and innovative policy solutions that ensure women are not merely present at the peace table, but are influential architects of a lasting and just peace. You must confront the real world barriers from political resistance to lack of funding and create a blueprint for genuine inclusion that transforms international law into tangible change on the ground.



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ISSUE 1

Safeguarding Women's Rights in Peace Negotiations and Post-Conflict Governance

Despite the clear mandate of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, women remain critically excluded from the forums that decide their futures. When peace treaties are drafted and new governments are formed after conflict, women are consistently sidelined: they constitute fewer than 10% of negotiators at major peace tables and hold a minimal share of ministerial positions in post-conflict states. This exclusion is not merely a symbolic injustice; it is a profound strategic failure.



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Agreements made without women's direct input consistently overlook urgent priorities such as the restoration of livelihoods, justice for survivors of conflict-related violence, and the reform of security sectors to protect women. Consequently, these "peace" deals often fail to address the root causes of conflict and are 35% less likely to endure. Your mission in this council is to dismantle the barriers—from political resistance and security threats to a lack of funding and training—that perpetuate this exclusion. You must design enforceable mechanisms to guarantee women's meaningful participation as equals, ensuring that the peace built is one that truly includes and benefits all.



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Countering Digital Gender-Based Violence and Online Targeting During Information Crises

During information crises such as wars, elections, or pandemics. A parallel epidemic of digital violence targets women, journalists, and activists to silence their voices. This coordinated online abuse, which includes doxxing, violent threats, and deepfake pornography, exploits the chaos and high stakes of these moments to inflict psychological harm, destroy reputations, and deter participation in public life. While platforms and laws struggle to keep pace, the harm is immediate and devastating, driving women offline precisely when their input is most critical. This committee must move beyond reactive content moderation to build proactive defense systems.



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Your mandate is to craft policies that hold platforms accountable for crisis-era amplification of abuse, create rapid-response protection networks for those targeted, and ensure digital spaces remain safe for women's free expression during the world's most volatile moments.





GUIDING QUESTIONS

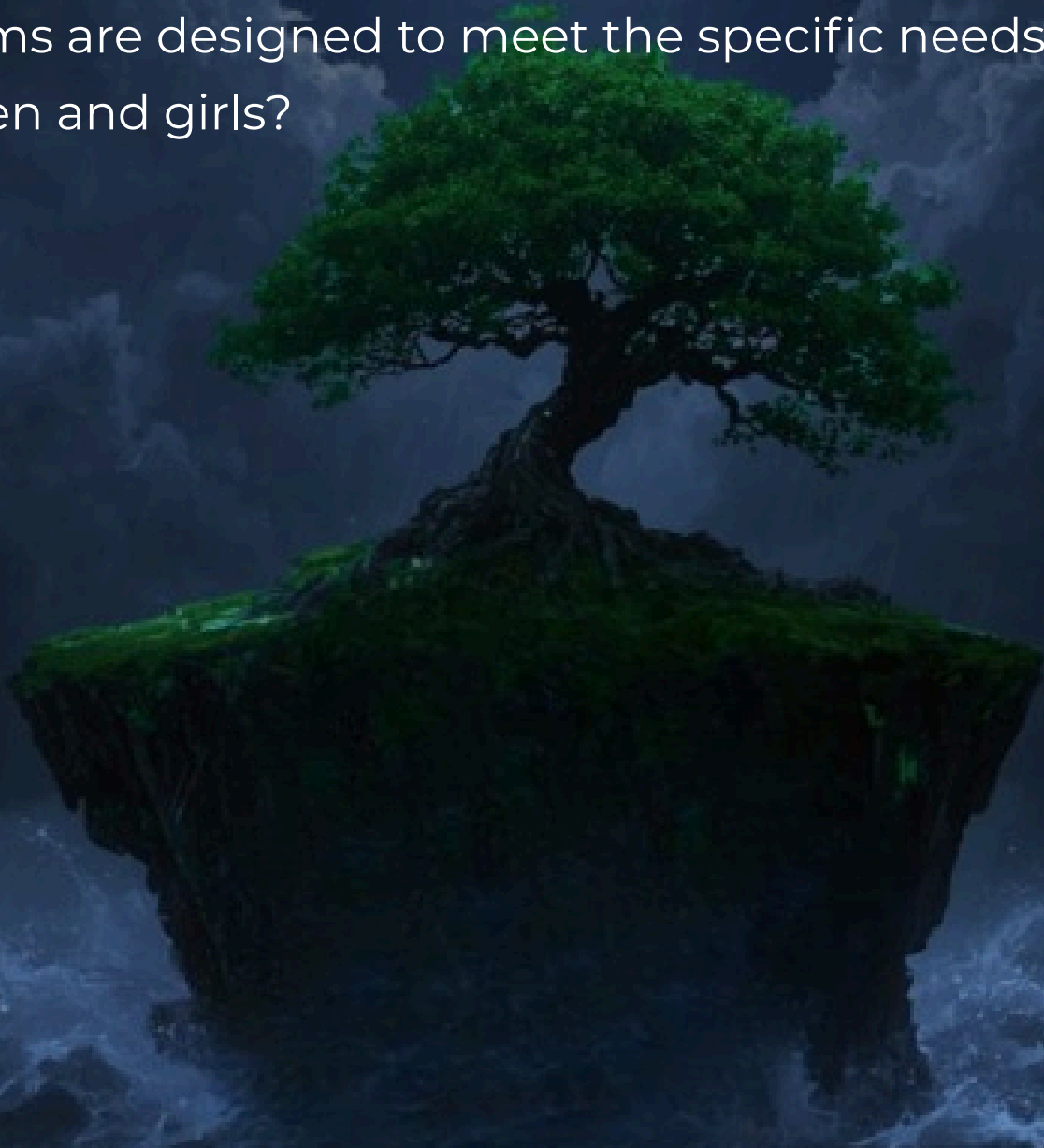
- Participation & Power: How can we move beyond token representation to ensure women have real decision-making power in peace talks and post-conflict governments?
- Overcoming Barriers: What are the most effective ways to protect women peacebuilders from violence, threats, and political exclusion so they can participate safely?
- Enforcing Agreements: How can the international community ensure that promises made to women in peace agreements (like funding for women's programs or quotas) are actually implemented and funded?



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Inclusive Recovery: In rebuilding a country after war, how can we guarantee that resources, jobs, and justice systems are designed to meet the specific needs of all women and girls?





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