## Position paper

Committee: Security Council

Delegation: Kingdom of Denmark

Topic A — Celebrating 25 Years of UNSC Resolution 1325 (Women, Peace

and Security)



Denmark restates that women truly being part of things equally is key to stopping and fixing conflicts. We continue to prioritize the Women, Peace and Security(WPS) agenda in its international strategy, supporting it through national strategies and funding for United Nations peacekeeping operations.

Our work in difficult places, like the Sahel and Horn of Africa, shows that thinking about gender leads to more lasting stability. Our programs focus on keeping women and girls safe, growing the number of women helping to solve problems, and adding the WPS point of view to peacekeeping, aid, and rebuilding. Our updated plan for 2025–2029 backs these ideas, pushing for real, trackable goals. This plan is based on rights and has four main parts: stopping problems, getting people involved, safety, and helping people recover. Evidence shows that when women are part of peace talks, deals last longer and communities bounce back faster. Denmark sees WPS as something that needs to be included in all foreign and security policy. We keep supporting UNICEF and others that work with women and girls hurt by conflict. Recent looks at our work say we need better ways to measure success and keep the money coming to make a difference. Denmark is still all in on UNSCR 1325, other WPS resolutions, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women(CEDAW), and world rules. We support adding gender ideas to what groups do, how they punish, and how they hold people responsible <sup>1</sup>.

Denmark's WPS plan requires regular, independent checks on the National Action Plan. It also means including WPS in UN roles, such as gender and Women's Protection

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Denmark's National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security 2025-2029, URL:

https://um.dk/en/-/media/websites/umen/foreign-policy/denmarks-national-action-plan-for-wps-2025-2029.ashx

experts. The organization will also work to quickly protect female peacebuilders, like ensuring digital security and urgent displacement. Denmark supports women representatives speaking at Security Council meetings. Denmark is pushing for strong guarantees with financial backing, connecting WPS work to successful missions, safe aid delivery, and aid to local women's groups.

Topic B — Addressing the Disproportionate Effect of Armed Conflicts on Children

Denmark stands firmly against any harm to children during wartime, such as being killed or injured, forced into combat, subjected to sexual violence, or abducted. Protecting children is not only ethically correct but also vital for lasting peace. Denmark, through channels like UNICEF, peace funds, and its own initiatives, centers its efforts on the rehabilitation of child soldiers. This includes mental health support, bringing families together, further studies, and prevention of re-recruitment. We advocate for schools and hospitals to be recognized as safe havens under international law. Denmark collaborates with UN organizations to monitor and document these problems, pushing for superior surveillance, documentation, and quick response by the UN Security Council, potentially involving relevant sanctions. UN reports show that bad things are happening to kids more than ever, so we need to use things like the Geneva Conventions, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Rome Statute to hold people responsible<sup>2</sup>.

Denmark suggests: We should include child protection advisors and clear plans in all UN peace efforts. Penalties for those who keep harming children must be evaluated. Also, international aid should focus more on helping kids recover. Denmark is pushing for safe schools, hospitals, and ways to get aid to those who need it. We are advocating for complete child protection plans, improved partnership between child protection organizations and Council projects, as well as immediate steps when children are vulnerable.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Organisation Strategy for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 2022-2025, URL: https://um.dk/en/-/media/websites/umen/danida/about-danida/danida-transparency/public-consultations/unicef-organisation-strategy-2022-2025.ashx