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**Overview**  
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*Annex A*

**SSR and Gender: Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820**

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<b>Dates</b>	20 – 22 March, 2012
<b>Location(s)</b>	RACVIAC Facilities at Military Barracks "Vitez Damir Martić", Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia and Kadetnica, Engelsova 15, 2111, Maribor, Slovenia
<b>Background</b>	<p>RACVIAC's SSR programme for the mid-term period is, among other things, aimed at covering the protection of human rights.</p> <p>The protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms has its legal basis in the UN Charter (1945) and the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) adopted by the UN Resolution 217. Gender aspects are based on the UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820, European Convention on Human Rights (Council of Europe 1950) and other regional instruments in Europe. Implementation of human rights protection on national level continues to be an important political obligation, not only for SEE countries, but also for the world as a whole. The promotion of equal opportunities for women and men remains a big challenge for independent state institutions in their joint efforts to eliminate discrimination.</p>
<b>Purpose &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The Round Table on Gender and SSR is the first one in a series of similar events. The purpose of the Round Table is twofold.</p> <p>Firstly, it is aimed to bring together the representatives from South Eastern Europe (SEE) to discuss relevant general information on standards guiding the Security Sector Reform and gender with a main focus on the UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820, European standards and regional instruments in Europe.</p> <p>Secondly, it is aimed to encourage the participants from parliaments, ministries and NGOs from SEE countries to share their experiences in implementing the Action Plans with measures to strengthen the role of women, prevent and resolve armed conflicts, establish and maintain peace, including measures to prevent sexual violence against women and girls and to protect them after armed conflicts.</p> <p>Main objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- To address relevant information on history and standards of human rights and fundamental freedoms guiding Security Sector Reform and gender;</li><li>- To highlight the gender perspective in UN programming and reporting, as well as in peace support operations;</li><li>- To develop a gender perspective training in peace support operations;</li></ul>

- To make an overview of the participation and representation of women at different levels of the decision-making process and to promote their involvement in politics;
- To direct the attention of participants to specific protection needs of women and girls in the conflict areas, with a focus on the importance of awareness and education of women in the conflict areas;
- To present a gender perspective in the post-conflict processes;
- To give an overview of private military and security companies and gender;
- To give SEE countries an opportunity to share their experiences in implementing programs on strengthening the role of women - national presentations focused on SSR.

<b>Participants</b>	Approximately 25 participants comprising Parliament members and officials, representatives from the MFAs, MoDs, Ministries of Internal Affairs from following countries (AL, BA, BG, GR, HR, ME, MK, RO, RS, and TR), as well as representatives from the public sector and NGOs and experts from various national institutions and think-thanks. Experts from relevant UN and EU departments are invited to take part and provide relevant information on the subject matter.	
<b>Methodology</b>	Round Table introduced by keynote speakers presenting the importance of gender issue in Security Sector Reform, followed by presentations on national gender programmes.	
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