



Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees  
Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Overview

### SSR/IRC-11-CF

*Annex A*

**SSR and Gender Conference:**  
**„Equal Opportunities: Implementation of UNSCR 1325 and related UNSCRs - Differences between Proclamation and Reality“**

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<b>Date</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2014
<b>Location</b>	RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation
<b>Background</b>	<p>One part of RACVIAC’s mid-term Security Sector Reform (SSR) programme aims to cover the protection of human rights.</p> <p>The United Nations Security Council, a body responsible for international peace and security, adopted on 31 October 2000 Resolution 1325 “Women, peace and security” (followed by the adoption of UNSCRs 1820, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2112). Resolution 1325 is the first Security Council Resolution that deals specifically with the influence of war on women and girls, and the contribution of women to conflict resolution and sustainable peace. In a large part, UNSCR 1325 resonates the unfortunate events during the conflicts of the 1990s.</p> <p>After the adoption of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Security and Peace, it took more than a decade for its instruments to be translated into national policy agendas, including countries of South East Europe. Over time, the SEE countries have either adopted, started developing or chose not to adopt a special document. No evidence exists to which extent these polices have contributed to UNSCR 1325 expected results since design, implementation and monitoring differs from country to country.</p>
<b>Purpose and Objectives</b>	<p>The purpose of this conference is to develop a framework for monitoring and evaluation of the progress made to implement UNSCRs 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2112 in the countries participating in RACVIAC. The framework for monitoring and evaluation will be based on the impact, output and outcome indicators which will be prepared and discussed by the participants during the Conference.</p> <p>For the purpose of this meeting RACVIAC will partner up with regional coordination mechanisms monitoring the implementation of 1325 NAPs.</p>

Strategic partnership was established with the Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the 1325 Coordination Board in Bosnia and Herzegovina which will support the design of the proposal of a framework for monitoring and evaluation of the progress made in the region in order to support regional governments:

- to collect comprehensive data – focusing on the impact;
- to encourage participatory monitoring – strengthening of accountability;
- to engage policymakers and other key actors – building of an inclusive approach.

The main objectives of this Conference are:

- to identify gaps in the design, implementation and monitoring of NAPs and the contribution to the expected results of UNSCR 1325 and related UNSCRs in the countries of the region;
- to build consensus over the current status of the implementation of UNSCR policies and how they can be supported through a Regional framework;
- to enhance a comprehensive, consultative and action-oriented review which will include a dialogue with the relevant stakeholders, civil society organizations, women’s initiatives and vulnerable and disadvantaged groups;
- to establish and validate a Regional framework for monitoring and evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of UNSCRs 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2122 by the governments in the region.

#### **Participants**

Approximately 30 participants from coordination mechanisms established to monitor the implementation of 1325 NAPs, experts from Parliaments, governmental agencies/institutions and ministries dealing with human rights protection and the Gender aspect, as well as representatives of the public sector and civil society. Experts from relevant UN, NATO, OSCE and EU departments are also invited to take part and provide information on the subject matter.

#### **Methodology**

The Conference will be organised around a proposal of a Regional framework for monitoring and evaluation of the progress made to implement UNSCRs 1325, 1820, 1888, 1889, 1960 and 2112 which will be prepared by the Agency for Gender Equality of Bosnia and Herzegovina in consultation with the co-organisers and international experts.

The Conference will be based on presentations and active discussion aimed at harmonising approaches for further action.

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