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## 10th International Conference: “Women’s Shared Security in Our Modern World”

November 19-20, 2022

Venue: Ararat Hall of IBIS Yerevan Center

(Address: 5/1 Northern Avenue)

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### AGENDA

#### Day 1 – Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

09.30 - 10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00 - 11.00	Opening remarks Mrs. Gulnara Shahinian, President and Chair of Democracy Today NGO
	- <i>Introduction of the Yerevan Declaration on “Women’s Shared Security in the Modern World.”</i>
	Mr. Alen Simonyan, Vice President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia (TBC)
	Ms. Nazeli Baghdasaryan, The governor of Shirak province of the Republic of Armenia
	Mr. Vahe Gevorgyan, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia (TBC)
	H.E. Ms. Andrea Wiktorin, Head of EU Delegation to Armenia
	H. E. Ms. Anne Louyot, Ambassador of France to Armenia
	H.E. Patrik Svensson, Ambassador of Sweden to Armenia
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11.00 - 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 - 12.00	Keynote speaker: Ms. Anna Maria Erica Sundstrom, Secretary General for the Olof Palme International Center
	- <i>Presentation of the report “Common Security 2022”</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The entire Conference is constructed around the key pillars of “Our Common Security Report 2022” placing women’s need in peace and security as its focal point.</i></li> </ul>
<b>12.00 - 13.30</b>	<p><b>Panel 1: Gender equality in accessing human security, freedom from fear, and freedom from want.</b></p> <p><i>As “Common Security 2022” report states: “The world order should be built based on human needs. There is no development without peace, nor peace without development.” And neither is possible without respect for human rights. All people have the right to security: freedom from fear and freedom from want.</i></p> <p><i>The panel will discuss different dimensions of human security: economic, social, and environmental aspects. The security report confirms how these must be achieved through the creation of a New Social Contract that tackles inequality and builds a more inclusive, resilient, and peaceful society. Moving from security of state to responsibility and security of all humans is of paramount importance to bring change in our modern world. Women play a critical role in building safe societies. Through strengthening the international agenda for Women, Peace and Security, and by setting a goal to include 50% women’s participation at all levels of international peace and security undertakings, would help invest in a safer world, as recommended by the report, numerous studies, and the UNSC Resolution 1325.</i></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u></b> Ms. Anna Maria Erica Sundstrom, Secretary General for the Olof Palme International Center.</p> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Heriknaz Tigranyan, Deputy to National Assembly of Republic of Armenia, Standing Committee on Health Care and Social Affairs</li> <li>- Ms. Emma Yesayan, Senior Lieutenant, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia</li> <li>- Ms. Karine Simonyan, Team Lead at German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)</li> <li>- Ms. Zara Amatuni, Communications Manager and Spokesperson, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</li> <li>- Ms. Marina Simonyan–Office of Human Rights Defender of Nagorno Karabakh.</li> <li>- Ms. Haghine Yengoyan, Assistant to the Human Rights Defender, Office of Human Rights Defender of RA</li> <li>- Ms. Eka Horstka – founder and head of Artissimo NGO</li> <li>- Ms. Eliko Bendeliani–Institute for the Study of Nationalism and Conflicts, Republic of Georgia.</li> <li>- Ms. Sharmagh Mardi, Law Clinic Associate, Center for Truth and Justice (CFTJ)</li> <li>- Ms. Uzay Bulut. Uzay Bulut is a Turkish journalist (online)</li> </ul>

	- Viktoria Ayrumyan, Medical doctor, Laureat of the International Young Women's Peace Award (online)
<b>13.30 – 13.45</b>	Discussion Q & A
<b>13.45 – 14.30</b>	<b>Buffet lunch</b>
<b>14.30 – 15.00</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Ms. Lara Scarpitta, Senior Gender Adviser, OSCE (online)
<b>15:00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Panel 2: Women's critical role in negotiations and building trust between nations and peoples, fundamental to peaceful and sustainable human existence.</b>
	<i>The panel will explore the successful methodologies and promising practices related to including women in all stages of negotiation processes, and specifically in formal negotiations. Global politics is marked by failures to protect and promote the most fundamental human rights in conflict and conflict-affected settings. Without addressing fundamental issues of inequality–exclusion of women, lack of respect for international human rights, humanitarian and refugee law, the advancement in meaningful participation, or even increased women's participation at the negotiation tables can't be argued. While there has been some progress in women's participation during governmental negotiations, nearly 7 out of every 10 peace processes still exclude women mediators or women signatories—the latter indicates that fewer women participated in leadership roles as negotiators, guarantors, or witnesses</i>
	<b>Moderator:</b> Mrs. Gulnara Shahinian, President and Chair of Democracy Today NGO <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Hripsime Grigoryan, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Standing Committee on Economic Affairs</li> <li>- Ms. Karine Sujayan, Head of Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues Department</li> <li>- Ms. Medea Gugeshashvili, Analyst, Women, Peace and Security Project, Republic of Georgia</li> <li>- Ms. Dajana Berisha, Executive Director of the Forum for Civic Initiatives, Kosovo</li> <li>- Ms. Caryn Oyo Dasah, Cameroon Hope Advocates Africa, Cameroon</li> <li>- Ms. Anna Ishkhanyan, Executive Director, Human Rights, Management Specialist, Democracy Today</li> <li>- Ms. Dunia Khalil, trainer and legal consultant</li> <li>- Ms. Natalya Martirosyan, Chairperson for the Armenian Committee of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly NGO</li> </ul>
<b>16.30 – 17.00</b>	Discussion Q & A
<b>17.00 – 17.30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>17.30 – 18.00</b>	Presentation of Yerevan Declaration by Youth followed by discussions

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## Day 2 – Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

<b>09.30 - 11.00</b>	<p><b>Panel 3: Gender and nuclear disarmament, strong limitations on conventional weapons, reduced military expenditure and new military technologies–in the realms of cyberspace, outer space, and artificial intelligence.</b></p>
	<p><i>In line with “Common Security 2022” report, the panel will discuss and draw up a proposal of Call to Action from not just governments but also from national parliaments and civil society—including NGOs, women’s organizations and groups, social justice and peace movements, faith communities, women and youth movements, and trade unions including the corporate sector. There can be no common security without nuclear disarmament, strong limitations on conventional weapons and reduced military expenditure. The approaches to improved regulations, international law and responsible governance must be extended to include new military technologies–in the realms of cyberspace, outer space, and artificial intelligence.</i></p>
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Heidi Menzolt, European coordinator of Women’s International League for Peace (WILPF), coordinator, Gender Working Group of the Civic Solidarity Platform, Women’s Rights and Conflict Transformation specialist, UNSCR 1325 and CEDAW professional, Board of Directors, Democracy Today, Germany</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arms Control, International Security Department (TBC)</li> <li>- Ms. Nanna Skau, Deputy Country Director in Armenia, World Food Program (WFP)</li> <li>- Ms. Shirine Jurdi, WILPF Lebanon, Killer Robots Campaign</li> <li>- Ms.Reem El Gantri   International Center for Transitional Justice (online)</li> <li>- Ms. Ani Harutyunyan, Defense and Security Governance and Oversight in Armenia Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)</li> <li>- Mr.Sean Conner, International Peace Bureau (online)</li> <li>- Ms. Julia Karashvili, Chair of “Consent” Georgia</li> <li>- Ms. Narine Gasparyan, Senior Project Officer. Council of Europe</li> <li>- Ms. Liana Torosyan, Democracy Today NGO</li> </ul>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	Discussion Q & A
<b>11.30 – 12.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12.00 - 13.10</b>	<p><b>Panel 4: Developing viable instruments in protection of rights of human rights defenders.</b></p>
	<p><i>Human rights defenders in many countries face grave and complex challenges because of their peaceful activities. This is true especially for</i></p>

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	<p>women peacebuilders. The panel will examine possibilities for further actions at various levels—from international organizations, international law, civil society, and the states—to increase the safety and security of human rights defenders. The panel will outline major trends, set out key instruments and issue commitments in relation to human rights defenders. It will explore key risks and opportunities for strengthening the actions of international agencies and the states, offer recommendations for member states to advance this agenda to better ensure human rights defenders everywhere, so that they can freely and safely undertake their critical work.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Jackie Abramian, Founder of Global Cadence, writer/ contributor on WPS topics, Member of the International Board of Democracy Today NGO, USA</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adriana Dergam, Journalist, Prague Skills, Czech Republic.</li> <li>- Taguhi Harutyunyan, Head of Research and Educational Center, Office of Human Rights Defender of RA</li> <li>- Tatev Hovhanissyan, award-winning Armenian feminist investigative journalist, Europe and Eurasia editor of the Tracking the Backlash project, open Democracy.</li> <li>- Tatev Zakaryan, head of “The Antonia Arslan Armenian-Italian educational complex” foundation</li> <li>- Alvard Grigoryan, Journalist, NK</li> <li>- Varser Karapetyan, Human Rights House Yerevan</li> </ul>
13.10 – 13.30	Discussion Q & A
13.30 – 14.15	<b>Buffet lunch</b>
14.15 – 16.15	<p><b>Roundtable: Modern conflicts and women’s displacement</b></p> <p><i>The nature of armed conflicts changed dramatically during the latter half of the twentieth century, with casualties among civilians increasingly outnumbering those of military personnel. Women and girls became especially vulnerable in such conflicts. The panel will look into viable mechanisms to protect women’s rights during conflicts. Representatives of UNHCR, women’s groups from Ukraine, Georgia, Nagorno Karabakh, border towns/villages of Armenia, and Syria will discuss methods to strengthen protection and access to human rights.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms. Hasmik Edilyan, Project manager, Democracy Today NGO</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representatives from UNHCR</li> <li>- Ghukasyan Rozalia, Chief Specialist, Asylum and Legal Assurance Department, Migration Service</li> <li>- Women’s organizations from Ukraine, Armenia, Syria, Georgia, Nagorno Karabakh</li> </ul>

<b>16.15 - 18.00</b>	<b>Bus tour around Yerevan city</b>
<b>20.00</b>	<b>Closing of the Conference and Reception at IBIS Yerevan Center</b>

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