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Panel Series on Women, Peace & Security

A Transformative Approach to Transitional Justice: Building a Sustainable Peace for All

24 February 2015, 1:00 to 3:00*
Conference Room 3, UN Headquarters

**A light lunch will be provided outside Café Austria starting at 12:45pm.
The discussion will start promptly at 1:00pm.*

The Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations, UN Women, and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security would like to invite you to participate in a panel discussion on applying a transformative approach to transitional justice. This is the fourth panel discussion in a Panel Series on Women, Peace and Security, hosted by the UAE and its partners, in support of the Global Study on the Implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000).

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Transitional justice has become a critical component of efforts to strengthen the rule of law and an integral element of the peacebuilding agenda, through prosecutions, reparations, truth-seeking, and institutional reform. A transformative approach to transitional justice involves addressing not just the consequences of violations committed during the conflict, but the structural context of discrimination, which enabled these violations to occur both during and before the conflict. Employing this approach involves addressing the full range of rights violations women experience during conflict, and promoting women's access and active participation in the design and implementation of transitional justice mechanisms.

We hope to engage a broad range of experts, Member States, and civil society in a discussion that will focus on taking a transformative approach to transitional justice, in order to ensure that justice mechanisms address women's needs and priorities post-conflict.

Opening Remarks

- **Jan Eliasson**, Deputy Secretary-General
- **Zainab Hawa Bangura**, Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

A concept note is attached to this invitation providing more details on the conversation.

Kindly RSVP by **20 February** by EMAIL to rsvp@uaemission.org. Should you require a UN pass, please EMAIL rsvp@uaemission.org no later than **18 February**.

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About the Series

The UAE Panel Series on Women, Peace and Security will address the gaps and challenges in the implementation of 1325, as well as identify emerging issues and look for opportunities to further the goals of the WPS agenda. Each panel will result in a summary, written in partnership with the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, reflecting the discussions. These summaries will inform the Global Study, and will be available on UN Women's web portal.