

CODE: RSC/1/2  
COMMITTEE: Reformed Security Council  
TOPIC: Women, Peace, and Security

1 *The Reformed Security Council,*

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3 *Commending* the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) for its efforts to  
4 promote the protection, safety and equality of women,

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6 *Identifying* the necessity for women to have the legal capacity to report acts of violence in accordance to CEDAW  
7 Article 15, clause 2,

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9 *Recalling* A/RES/3452, which defines torture as constituting “an aggravated and deliberate form of cruel, inhuman  
10 or degrading treatment or punishment” that is “intentionally inflicted by or at the instigation of a public official,”

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12 *Further noting* that forms of gender-based and sexual violence towards women may be considered deliberate forms  
13 of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, and thus may be considered forms of torture,

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15 *Noting* with concern that the current definition of torture denies persons the legal capacity to prosecute non-state  
16 actors for acts that would otherwise be considered torture if committed by public officials, which effectively violates  
17 CEDAW Article 15, clause 2,

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19 *Noting* the need for greater prevention and awareness initiatives targeted towards women who may be at risk of  
20 joining violent non-state actors,

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22 *Acknowledging* the role women can play in local defection and reconciliation initiatives by voicing the unique  
23 perspectives and motives women have during conflict,

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25 *Acknowledging* A/RES/53/243 Part A “Declaration on a Culture of Peace” Article 8 which recognizes the key role  
26 religious bodies and groups play in the promotion of a culture of peace,

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28 *Deeply concerned* by the use of human trafficking as a source of profit for transnational organized crime and violent  
29 non-state actors, estimated to be nearly \$32 billion/year, according to the International Labour Organization’s 2005  
30 *Global Report under the Follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work,*

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32 *Highlighting* the disproportionate affect human trafficking has on women and children, as expressed in the Protocol  
33 to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children,

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35 1. *Recommends* the definition of torture as stated in A/RES/3452 to include similar acts committed by organized  
36 violent non-state actors so as to ensure women have the legal capacity to bring about lawsuits under the jurisdiction  
37 of torture if they so wish;

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39 2. *Recommends* States include in their CEDAW reports assessments of the legal capacity for women to hold non-  
40 state actors accountable for acts of gender-based and sexual violence so as to operationalize CEDAW General  
41 Recommendation 19, (7b);

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43 3. *Calls for* the support of the role of women in local and state-run defection initiatives:

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45 a. Assuring, with the assistance of UN Missions such as United Nations Organization Stabilization  
46 Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the creation of defection initiatives specifically  
47 targeted towards women participating as actors in violent non-state actors;
- 48 b. Assuring the safety and protection of women upon defection through community-lead reconciliation  
49 initiatives;
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- 51 4. *Condemns* the use of human trafficking as a source of profit for non-state actors and transnational organized  
52 crime;  
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- 54 5. *Encourages* information and data sharing between states to combat human trafficking, as called for in Article 10  
55 of The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;  
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- 57 6. *Recommends* states implement of the UNODC's Toolkit to Combat Trafficking in Persons;  
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- 59 7. *Upholds* the Security Council's duty to refer war crimes, including human trafficking, to the International  
60 Criminal Court for prosecution.  
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- 62 8. *Decides* to be remained seized of the matter.