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Resolution 2245 (2015): The Question of Women in Peace and Security

Proposed for consideration of the Security Council at its 2259th meeting on Saturday, 14 November 2015.

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its commitment to the continuing and full implementation, in a mutually reinforcing manner, of resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1889 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013) and 2122 (2013) and all relevant statements of its President,

Recalling the principle, set out in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), that states bear an obligation to ensure the equal provision of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights to men and women,

Emphasising that the increased involvement of women at all levels of decision-making is essential to the promotion of equality between the genders,

Noting the crucial role of women in military and peacekeeping positions in breaking down cultural stereotypes, addressing the specific needs of female civilians caught in conflict situations, and developing stronger connections with the community,

Emphasising that governments have significant power to affect change in a population's broader culture through their statements and policies,

Acknowledging that a government's failure to take significant steps to promote equality between the genders amounts to the tacit and unacceptable tolerance of continued sexism in the community,

Acting under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations,



- 1) *Condemns* all states that have not ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW),
- 2) *Calls upon* all nations that have not already done so to establish government ministries to oversee women's issues and the promotion of gender equality,
 - (a) *Strongly encourages* that these ministries are overseen by women,
 - (b) *Further encourages* these ministries to maximise female involvement in their decision-making processes and actions,
- 3) *Requires* all nations to allow women to enlist in any form of military service available to men,
- 4) *Urges* nations to provide education and messaging programs promoting gender equality to their communities, and to provide awareness training to male troops about the equal status of enlisted women in the military,
- 5) *Demands* nations establish processes to discharge from military service any personnel who:
 - (a) Commit an act or acts of sexual violence,
 - (b) Engage in sexual harassment,
 - (c) Are otherwise found to have perpetuated a sexist culture;
- 6) *Further calls upon* all nations to achieve 5% female representation in military personnel, including 3% female representation in positions of command, by 2020,
- 7) *Declares* that all UN peacekeeping forces established from the beginning of 2017 must also reach the levels of representation outlined in Clause 6;
- 8) *Further urges* all nations to establish independent bodies to monitor the progress of women's involvement in the military, report on instances of discrimination and promote the interests of female troops,
- 9) *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.