

# 1325 reasons



## for including women fully in peacemaking in Ireland and around the world...

1. Women have been to the forefront of peacemaking in Ireland and around the world. 2. If the full involvement of women is not legislated and planned for then it is not likely to happen. 3. There needs to be a 'critical mass' of women involved to make a difference. 4. Civilians and in particular women tend to bear many of the costs of violence and conflict. 5. Not involving women fully in the peace process in Ireland, North and South, is a lost opportunity; UNSCR 1325 should be included in the outworking of the Good Friday/Belfast Agreement. 6. Not involving women fully in the process in Ireland - in both jurisdictions—is also paternalistic to other countries—as if 'we' don't need it. 7. The arguments in Nos.5 & 6 apply equally elsewhere outside of Ireland. 8. Things need to be done differently in having grassroots support for peace processes as well as top down approaches—and women's involvement will help with the former. 9. Gender-related crimes are an important aspect of conflict and women's perspective and involvement should be there to ensure these issues receive the attention they deserve. 10. Women's perspectives and emphasis on relationships can be just what is needed to move conflicts forward to resolution. 11. 'Security' needs to be defined in a gendered way if peace processes are to thrive. 12. While some men have been contributing to peacemaking, it cannot be said that men as a whole have been very successful in this field so it is beyond time to increase the involvement of women. 13. Women are not necessarily 'natural' peace makers but collectively they carry a range of skills, aptitudes and approaches which can be missing from men. 14. Women make up either just below or just above half the population around the globe—it is natural justice that they are fully involved in all aspects of life, and there is no aspect of life more important than peacemaking. 15. There are thousands of different issues involved in peace....

***United Nations Standing Committee Resolution 1325, and related resolutions:***

***Working to ensure the full involvement of women in all aspects of peacemaking.***

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