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Women, Peace and Volunteerism: Partnerships for Sustaining Peace

Marking the 16th Anniversary of SCR 1325 – Side Event

27 October 2016, 1:15 – 2:45 pm
Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN
(871 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017)

Opening remarks

H.E. Mr. Heiko Thoms, Deputy Permanent Representative of **Germany** to the United Nations and **Mr. Toily Kurbanov**, **UNV** Deputy Executive Coordinator

Country case studies on gender-responsive peacebuilding

Presented by **five UN Volunteers** from country and regional teams (Guatemala, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, West/Central Africa, Somalia)

Session and Q&A

Moderated by **Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman**, Chief of the Policy, Planning and Application Branch of the Peacebuilding Support Office (**PBSO**)

Closing remarks

Ms. Päivi Kannisto, Chief of the Peace and Security Section of **UN Women**

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In commemoration of the 16th anniversary of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (S/RES/1325) and the recent adoption of the identical Security Council and General Assembly Resolutions on Sustaining Peace (S/RES/2282 and A/RES/70/262), UN Volunteers working on gender-responsive peacebuilding will be presenting their good practices.

Data supports the existence of an important nexus between gender mainstreaming, sustaining peace, and civic and volunteer engagement, which this side event attempts to explore further.

Building peace is often driven by activists, advocates, practitioners, many of whom are volunteers – and very often women – who work at community level, opening channels for dialogue, resolving small-scale conflicts before they spill over, advocating for reconciliation and justice, constructively engaging youth, providing care and victim assistance, reporting incidents, and devising early warning systems, amongst others.

UN Volunteers are ideal interlocutors to deliver constructive messages about participatory processes, building trust and promoting dialogue, civic responsibility, solidarity and compassion.