

UK Ministers announced today - International Women's Day - an action plan to address the disproportionate effects of conflict on women and girls. The cross-government action plan sets out how the UK will implement UN Security Resolution 1325.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ministry of Defence and Department for International Development, along with other Government departments, have worked together to produce the plan. Commenting on the launch of the action plan, Foreign Office Minister Kim Howells said:

"Women and girls are more likely to suffer from discrimination and abuse during conflicts. UN Security Resolution 1325 recognises this, and underlines the essential role of women in preventing conflict and as full participants in post-conflict peacebuilding and reconstruction efforts.

"Today's cross-government National Action Plan commits the UK to implementing this important resolution - for example by enhancing the role of female military and police personnel in peace operations and by making gender a key planning component of peacekeeping operations."

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