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Women's Role in Peace Processes and Post- Conflict Rehabilitation

Thursday, 6 October 2011, 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm
Hotel Sofitel Victoria, Plenary Hall

A SIDE EVENT

Sponsored by

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE
and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
(Human Rights, Women and Security Programme)

Ensuring the participation of women in conflict prevention as well as peace processes and post-conflict rehabilitation is critical to achieving sustainable peace and addressing the needs of *all* affected by conflict. UN Security Council Resolution 1325 is a landmark call to action in this respect. Especially in the area of peace measures, women have been excluded and, as a result, their issues have not been addressed adequately in post conflict rebuilding efforts. During this side event, speakers will emphasize the importance of involving women in formal peace talks as well as other connected peace initiatives, describe their first hand experience in post-conflict rehabilitation, and encourage OSCE participating States to address these issues in national policies either with respect to conflict that has happened on their territory or within the territories of other nations. Speakers will highlight challenges that are still to be met and provide recommendations for the way forward.

Moderator: Wendy Patten, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender Issues

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Pekka Haavisto, MP, Special Envoy for Horn of Africa and Sudan, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Helsinki, Finland

Respondents:

1. Lt. Col. Olga Scripovscaia, Commander of the Territorial Military Centre of Balti, Moldova and former peacekeeper in Liberia
2. Andreea Vesa, OSCE ODIHR Human Rights Officer, Warsaw, Poland

Refreshments will be provided.