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NOTE ON SPECIFIC ACTIONS IN CRISIS AND CONFLICT SITUATIONS



**WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY AND
HUMANITARIAN ACTION COMPACT**

Introduction

As complex crises continue to evolve globally, it is more urgent than ever that the transformative potential of the WPS-HA Compact is realized (1).

The following Note highlights Compact actions that are relevant to response plans in major crisis settings, emphasizing the imperative of addressing and delivering on existing commitments to the specific needs of the women and girls in affected populations. This Note indicates actions that are of particular relevance to focus on including:



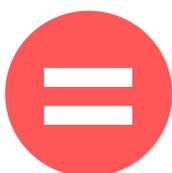
Humanitarian appeals and funding

Prioritization of gender-sensitive budgets, funding contributions to WPS and gender equality in humanitarian action, including by the consistent inclusion of gender analysis and recommendations in all humanitarian appeals, and by a significant increase in funding to local women's rights and women-led organizations.



Humanitarian service provision

Guided by consultation with women and girls, at the center of the design, implementation and evaluation of prevention and response efforts center gender equality and are gender responsive.



Women's full, equal and meaningful participation and inclusion of gender-related provisions in humanitarian initiatives and preparation for peace processes

Women in all their diversity meaningfully and fully participating at all stages of these processes, including through leadership roles and in shaping a protective environment and influencing political transitions.



Protection of women's rights and accountability for human rights violations

Threats, attacks and reprisals against women and girls in all their diversity in these contexts are reduced and their consequences mitigated to the greatest possible extent. Survivors of these violations – including but not limited to GBV - have access to the full range of gender-responsive and comprehensive survivor-centered services, and to a holistic range of judicial redress.



International policy

Ensuring that these urgent considerations are reflected in international fora, including the UN Security Council, the Human Rights Council, and regional organizations.

The specific actions in the Compact Framework are designed to be crosscutting and are intended to address the spectrum from urgent situation response to long-term institutional change. The specific actions highlighted in this Note should be considered in the context of the entire Compact Framework, and the inter-related actions it includes. All Signatories to the Compact – including Board and Catalytic members – can see this Note and the entire Compact Framework as a resource for actions they can take in evolving crises. We encourage Signatories to share information on their actions for dissemination and to foster collaboration with other signatories.



HUMANITARIAN APPEALS AND FUNDING

MEMBER STATES

<p>MS: Engage with all supported humanitarian appeals and crisis/conflict recovery programmes to ensure that the specific needs of affected women and girls are addressed, and that response/recovery plans contributes to enhancing gender equality, including by basing them on inclusive consultations with women and women’s groups, conducting gender based analyses, and using sex, age, and disability disaggregated data.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.1.3
<p>MS: Create and allocate youth-friendly funding for organizations and networks led by youth - particularly young women - working on peacebuilding and humanitarian action, including by dismantling specific barriers that young people face when seeking funds from donors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.1.4
<p>MS: Advocate that all supported humanitarian appeals and crisis/conflict recovery programmes are based on inclusive consultations with women and women’s groups, and on gender analysis and use of sex, age, and disability disaggregated data, to ensure the specific needs of affected women and girls are addressed and response/recovery plans contribute to enhancing gender equality.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.2.2
<p>MS: Invest in and prioritize gender analysis and dedicated gender advisory capacity for humanitarian and refugee response and peace and security processes, including those that are UN led.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.4.2
<p>MS: Expand and build inclusive adaptive social protection systems in collaboration with multilateral development banks and humanitarian cash providers to reach those at risk of exclusion, especially crisis- and displacement- affected women.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.1.1
<p>MS: Adopt specific financial commitments to increasing women’s leadership across peace, security, and humanitarian sectors, including inter alia Local and National Action Plans on WPS, national DRR/resilience strategies, and support legislation that codifies these financial commitments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.1.1
<p>MS: Provide regular funding for comprehensive, gender sensitive, survivor-centered, non-discriminatory, trauma informed services – including sexual and reproductive health services - for survivors of GBV and other protection needs, e.g. through sustainable, flexible, core funding for women’s organizations that provide these services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.1.1



HUMANITARIAN APPEALS AND FUNDING

MS: Provide funding to ensure that all national and international investigations and accountability mechanisms have dedicated gender expertise, protection expertise, and child rights expertise to document/investigate/prosecute/redress GBV in line with international standards and to integrate a gender analysis of violations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.1.2
MS: Facilitate emergency support - in the form of physical accompaniment, political advocacy, financial grants, and security arrangements, as needed - to women leaders under threat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.1.3

UN ENTITIES	
UN: Increase investment in pooled funding mechanisms to support national action plans and local women led peacebuilding and humanitarian action, and ensure allocation and transparent tracking of funding to gender equality within national multi- partner funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.1.6
UN: Support crisis-affected countries, donor countries, and international financial institutions to better coordinate their joint efforts to integrate gender equality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.4.3
UN: Adapt existing tracking mechanisms (e.g. OCHA's FTS) and their gender-coding systems to more accurately and transparently track WPS and gender-focused humanitarian funding, and funding that is allocated to women's rights and women-led organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.4.4
UN: Provide and ensure the integration of women's response and recovery initiatives, including cash and voucher assistance, into GBV prevention, mitigation and response, in partnership with women's organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.1.6
UN: UN engagements with international financial institutions address and prioritize women's full equal and meaningful participation in peacebuilding, response and recovery processes through collaborations based on gender-responsive joint planning, assessments and data collection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C.4.2
UN: Seek and advocate approval for funding to provide emergency financial support for women human right defenders and peacebuilders who face reprisals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.1.4



HUMANITARIAN APPEALS AND FUNDING

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
RO: Increase financial support to ensure inclusion of women's civil society in peace and humanitarian initiatives, including by addressing barriers to accessing funding.	• A.1.7
RO: Better use and support partners to use existing tracking mechanisms (e.g. OECD DAC) to more accurately and transparently track WPS and gender-focused humanitarian funding, and funding that is allocated to women's rights and women-led organizations.	• A.4.5
RO: Encourage host countries to develop policies on women's economic empowerment in support of refugee, forcibly displaced and other crisis and conflict-affected women, including by removing structural barriers and ensuring non-discriminatory normative policy frameworks.	• C.3.4
RO: Allocate funding to develop, implement, and monitor regional action plans on women, peace and security, as well as regional resilience and refugee responses.	• D.1.3

PRIVATE SECTOR	
PS: Invest in existing financing mechanisms and pooled funding to support women's rights organizations and women human rights defenders in conflict settings.	• A.1.9

ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS	
Acad: Fund and circulate research led by young women on topics relevant to the intersection of the WPS/YPS agendas and gender equality in Humanitarian Action.	• A.1.20
Acad: Conduct and communicate research on levels and consequences of funding gaps for women in peace and security and gender in humanitarian action.	• A.4.7



HUMANITARIAN SERVICE PROVISIONS

MEMBER STATES

MS: In consultations with women's rights and women-led organizations, develop and support sustainable and dignified livelihood options that ensure women's equal access to and control of productive resources, technology, land, homes, and capital, including through equal access to citizenship and legal identity for women and their children and spouses.

- C.4.1

MS: Provide regular funding for comprehensive, gender sensitive, survivor-centered, non-discriminatory, trauma informed services - including sexual and reproductive health services - for survivors of GBV and other protection needs, e.g. through sustainable, flexible, core funding for women's organizations that provide these services.

- E.1.1

MS: Facilitate emergency support - in the form of physical accompaniment, political advocacy, financial grants, and security arrangements, as needed - to women leaders under threat.

- E.1.3

MS: In line with a needs-based approach to humanitarian assistance, promote access to humanitarian assistance for survivors of GBV and others in need of protection.

- E.4.2

MS: Ensure access to the full range of comprehensive services, including sexual and reproductive healthcare, psychosocial support, legal services, access to justice, as well as support for livelihoods and lift any restrictions that impede women and girls' access to sexual and reproductive health care.

- E.4.2

UN ENTITIES

UN: Ensure that peace, security, and humanitarian coordination mechanisms have sustained senior gender advisory capacity, and consult women and women's organizations to ensure existing gender-and age-related standards, roles, and responsibilities are integrated into planning processes and response plans/mechanisms.

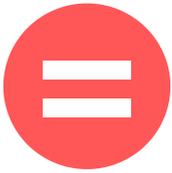
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HUMANITARIAN SERVICE PROVISIONS

UN: Seek and advocate approval for funding to provide emergency financial support for women human right defenders and peacebuilders who face reprisals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.1.4
UN: Ensure that all UN-led crisis and conflict response programmes provide adequate protection measures, including GBV prevention, mitigation and survivor-centered, trauma informed response services, including robust referral mechanisms, which recognize the differentiated needs of survivors, who are not a homogenous group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.4.5

CIVIL SOCIETY	
CSO: Facilitate access to networks, services, support and tailored information about economic opportunities and rights paying attention to marginalized and vulnerable women, including those that are isolated and/or displaced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• C.4.4



WOMEN'S FULL, EQUAL AND MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION OF GENDER-RELATED PROVISIONS IN HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES AND PREPARATION FOR PEACE PROCESSES

MEMBER STATES	
MS: Consider incentives and apply pressure on all peace process actors to ensure women's full, equal and meaningful participation, and protect women's rights.	• B.1.1
MS: Advocate with conflict parties to ensure delegations include women and prioritize their rights.	• B.2.1
MS: Advocate for recognition and inclusion of independent delegations which prioritize the inclusion of women.	• B.2.2
MS: Advocate for and adopt specific tools to increase women's full, equal and meaningful participation, including through special measures and targets, codes of conduct that commit to women's inclusion, and inclusive selection measures.	• B.3.3
MS: Take concrete action towards developing and implementing commitments to advocate for women's participation and the inclusion of gender-related provisions in peace processes in all fora, including the UN Security Council.	• B.3.4
MS: Include women and women's organizations in decision-making on women's economic security, access to resources and decision-making related to peacebuilding, post-conflict and crisis response planning and economic recovery.	• C.3.1
MS: Address discriminative legislative and institutional rules and practices hindering women's economic empowerment, including by promoting decent work and eliminating discriminatory legal and policy barriers, including for refugee and displaced women.	• C.3.2
MS: Adopt specific financial commitments to increasing women's leadership across peace, security, and humanitarian sectors, including inter alia Local and National Action Plans on WPS, national DRR/resilience strategies, and support legislation that codifies these financial commitments.	• D.1.1



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MS: Facilitate emergency support - in the form of physical accompaniment, political advocacy, financial grants, and security arrangements, as needed - to women leaders under threat.

• E.1.3

UN ENTITIES

UN: Advocate with conflict parties to ensure delegations include women and prioritize their rights, to ensure that they recognize and include delegations which prioritize the inclusion of women.

• B.2.4

UN: Use good offices for political advocacy to advance women's full, equal and meaningful participation in peace and political processes, and ensure that advocacy efforts are informed by gender analysis and priorities of women's rights and women-led organizations.

• B.2.5

UN: Strengthen dialogue between private sector and other humanitarian, peace and security actors on gender, including by supporting local level peace and security networks.

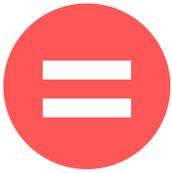
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UN: Ensure that peace, security, and humanitarian country teams adopt specific commitments and targets to advance inclusion and leadership of women, local women's organizations and networks in country level humanitarian decision-making processes, including through inclusive consultations, and at the global level, across field missions, UNCTs and HCTs.

• D.3.7



WOMEN'S FULL, EQUAL AND MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION OF GENDER-RELATED PROVISIONS IN HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES AND PREPARATION FOR PEACE PROCESSES

UN: Strengthen and coordinate the protection of women participating in peace, justice and humanitarian assistance processes, and women who engage with the UN, including through the UN Rapid Response Window.

• E.4.4

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

RO: Advocate to ensure inclusion of gender perspectives and of women's civil society in peace and humanitarian initiatives.

• A.2.1

RO: Advocate for, implement and track specifications for women's leadership and meaningful participation in regional processes on women peace and security, crisis preparedness and humanitarian/refugee response and recovery.

• D.2.3

CIVIL SOCIETY

CSO: Advocate for the adoption of special measures to increase women's participation in peace processes, and in implementation and monitoring mechanisms.

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CSO: Promote the inclusion of gender-related provisions in all ceasefire and peace agreements, in humanitarian assistance and delivery plans.

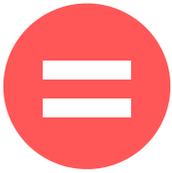
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CSO: Engage men and boys as allies and partners to support the work of women and girls on gender equality and human rights, without shifting support and resources away from women's rights advocacy and development.

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CSO: Invest in inclusive sustainable approaches and equitable partnerships to increase the influence, visibility, and resource base of local women leaders – including young women – in humanitarian, political and peace processes and decision-making.

• D.1.4



WOMEN'S FULL, EQUAL AND MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION OF GENDER-RELATED PROVISIONS IN HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES AND PREPARATION FOR PEACE PROCESSES

ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS	
Acad: Undertake research, including by and with researchers in and from the Global South, that addresses the root causes of conflict, and emerging obstacles to peace and gender equality to contribute to long-term solutions within peace processes and the social, psychological, normative and other behavioral barriers against women's active participation in peace efforts.	• B.4.9



PROTECTION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

MEMBER STATES	
MS: Take concrete action towards developing and implementing commitments to advocate for women's participation and the inclusion of gender-related provisions in peace processes in all fora, including the UN Security Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.3.4
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REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	
RO: Monitor and disseminate information on the situation of WHRDs in conflict and crisis affected contexts, including threats using digital technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E.3.5

PRIVATE SECTOR	
PS: Support diverse groups of women peacebuilders by facilitating their access to digital technologies and cybersecurity protections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.4.7
PS: Commit to ensuring protection of information and privacy of women and other human rights defenders, peacebuilders and activists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.4.8



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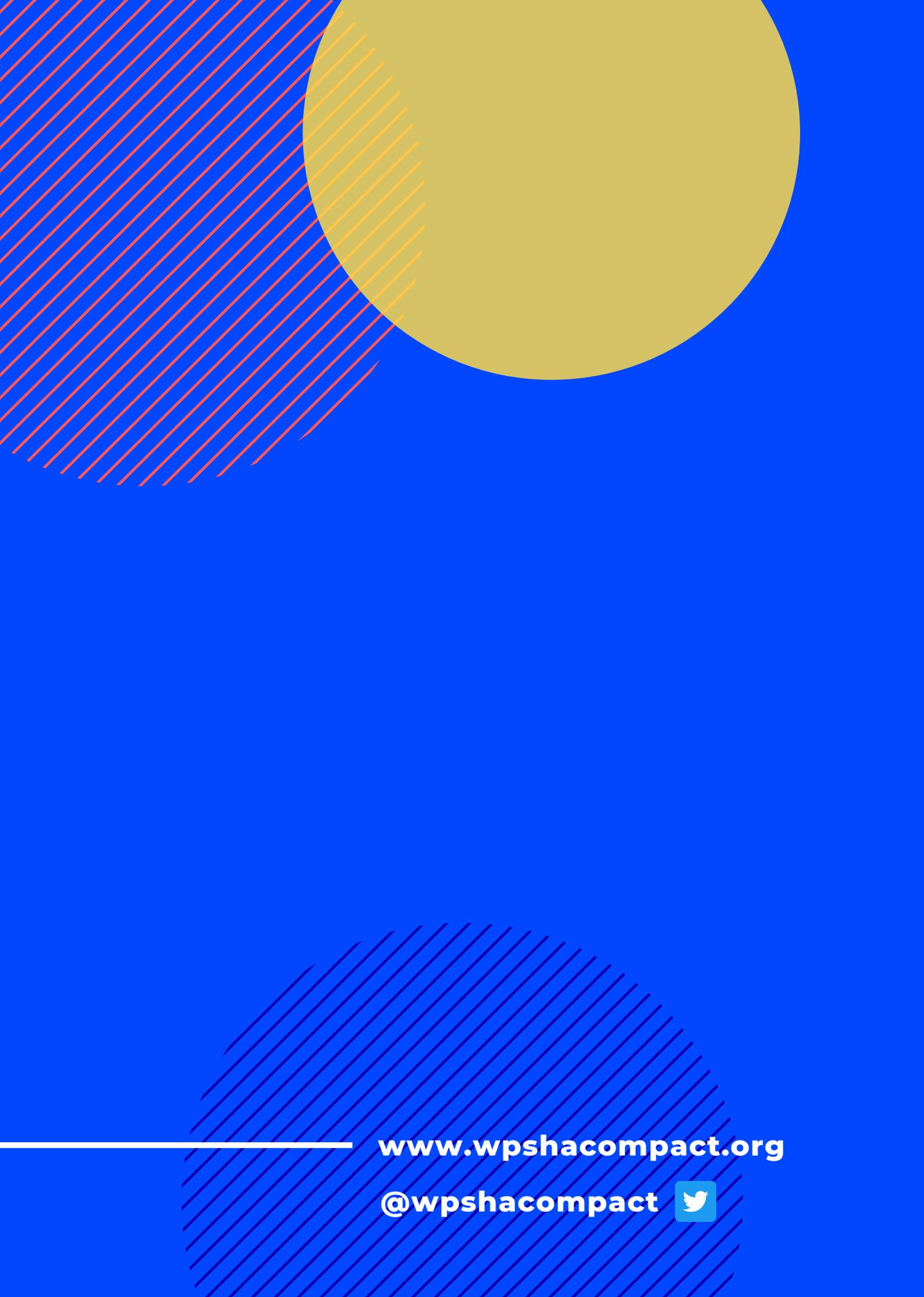
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INTERNATIONAL POLICY

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MS: Strive to ensure that perspectives from women's rights and women-led organizations inform all peace, security and humanitarian statements, policy briefs, and information-sharing, and are sensitive to protection issues faced by contributors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• D.2.1
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