

## THE G7 WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY PARTNERSHIPS INITIATIVE

### Context

At the April 2017 G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) in Lucca, Italy, ministers renewed their call to “increase women’s meaningful participation in all political, governance and security structures at all levels to achieve sustainable peace and security, in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions 1325 and 1820 and related resolutions.”

The women, peace and security agenda stems from the international community’s recognition that gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls and respect for their human rights are vital to achieving and sustaining peace. Progress to date on effective implementation of this agenda remains, however, slow. Through a Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Partnerships Initiative, the G7 members will work together to accelerate positive change on the ground. G7 members will coordinate efforts as appropriate and provide targeted support to conflict-affected partner countries working to build peace and security through the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and subsequent WPS resolutions, including through national action plans to implement the women, peace and security agenda.

### Commitments

In pursuing the WPS Partnerships Initiative, G7 members commit to:

- establish partnerships with and provide targeted assistance to partner countries to further implementation of the women, peace and security agenda;
- enhance G7 coordination, support and engagement in partner countries on women, peace and security issues, engaging with governments; regional and multilateral organizations; parliamentarians; civil society, in particular women’s organizations; and other stakeholders;
- ensure that all efforts to support the women, peace and security agenda are based on mutual learning and approaches;
- share results and lessons learned from this G7 initiative in other multilateral contexts to encourage similar initiatives and achieve broader progress; and
- report on progress on this commitment at the next G7 FMM, in 2019.

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