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Women have a vital but frequently undervalued role in the development and success of peacebuilding processes. The powerful contribution of women in creating and stabilising peace in fragile socio-political environments is relevant across all nations and regions, and particularly in areas of active conflict, such as in war-torn areas of Africa, the Middle East and the Balkans. Yet millions of women remain entirely excluded, or severely restricted from participation in the creation of peace within the regions in which they live. The marginalisation of women from decision making processes in general and the suffering experienced by women in conflict zones, such as from the use of rape as a war tactic, are of deep and urgent concern.

The establishment of global dialogues which value and empower women is essential in addressing the unacceptable inequalities and suffering many women experience on a daily basis. As women remain the primary caregivers of children and young adults, the emotional and physical health and wellbeing of women has a wide societal impact, playing a vitally important role in the health, development and sociocultural attitudes of future generations. The Socialist International Women (SIW) confirms its fervent support of all initiatives which transform the vision of a truly egalitarian global society into reality for women and all citizens.

The SIW celebrates the achievements of the last 15 years under the Millennium Sustainable Development Goals (MSDGs). The tireless work of women's organisations and networks worldwide has resulted in significant progress and the introduction of many gender inclusive initiatives. Gender equality successes are largely concentrated in countries and regions where women enjoy free and active political and social participation. The SIW re-asserts that the freedom of political and social participation for women is essential to the achievement of global gender equality. These successes prove that change is possible, but urgent work remains to be done in areas where millions of women continue to be socially and politically repressed, personally vulnerable and voiceless.

Unequivocal action is needed where gender inequality continues to be firmly embedded in cultural ideologies, political processes and legislative instruments. Positive transformation is needed to cease social, political and financial systems which perpetuate inequalities for women at social, economic and political levels.

The SIW asserts that the contribution of women in sustainable development is essential to ensure relevance and value to all individuals in their communities. Women often have unique perspectives and knowledge of issues affecting their regions, such as acute awareness of changes in the availability of fresh water and edible vegetation. The SIW firmly

believes that sustainable development programmes should be both gender sensitive and inclusive, and equally accessible to men, women and children.

The SIW welcomes the United Nations (UN) Global Agenda 2030 and the 17 Global Goals. The SIW places particular emphasis on Goal 5 – *Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*. The SIW strongly affirms that Goal 5 is essential for the realisation of global gender equality.

The SIW also welcomes UN Evaluation Group (UNEG) data gathering initiatives, specifically EvalGender+ which aims to strengthen the capacity to gather and evaluate gender-responsive and equality-focused data.

The SIW strongly believes that women’s participation in peacemaking and sustainable development processes is crucial to the achievement of global peace, prosperity, gender inclusiveness and equality.

Socialist International Women calls upon all governments, member parties of Socialist International, the UN, state structures and NGO’s to commit to implementing the UN Agenda 2030 and the Global Goals, with particular emphasis on taking urgent action to address critical gender inequality issues.

Socialist International Women urges all to support the realisation of the vision of global gender equality by:

Enabling the increased participation of women in peacemaking and sustainable development consultation and decision making processes, at both local and national levels.

Promoting the UN Global Agenda 2030 and Global Goals, locally and nationally, to engender active support for their realisation.

Supporting the implementation of UN Evaluation Group initiatives, particularly EvalGender+, to gather and evaluate data which is gender-responsive and equality-focused.

Engaging with local and national governmental and non-governmental bodies, to implement the UN Global Agenda 2030 and Global Goals.

Incorporating the UN Global Agenda 2030 and Global Goals into local and national processes, with emphasis on Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.