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Women's Leadership Project on Peace and Security in the Greater Horn of Africa and the Andean Region

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CLUB OF MADRID: Promoting Leadership for Democracy That Delivers

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In partnership with individuals, organizations and governments that share its goals, the **Club of Madrid** provides peer to peer counsel, strategic support and technical advice to leaders and institutions working to further democratic development around the world.

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WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY IN CONTEXT

Important progress has been made in terms of the number of women elected and appointed to office around the world. However, women continue to face significant structural disadvantages in politics and decision-making around the globe.

Nowhere is the void of women's representation more noticeable and unacceptable than in matters of peace and security. The reason is simple: while women continue to experience the full impact of violent conflict as civilians and combatants – and too often as targets of extreme forms of violence – they are still generally excluded from the decision-making processes that ignite wars and put an end to hostilities.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This project would utilize a proven methodology of leaders working with leaders – both male and female, including women recently elected or aspirants to political office – to build strategies and capacities for increased, effective participation of women and representation in political decision-making, particularly as it concerns peace and security matters.

In response to requests from leaders for a more focused and systematic engagement on this issue – and building on the experiences and outcomes of the Club of Madrid's recently concluded **African Women Leaders Project (AWLP)** – the Club of Madrid has launched the **Women's Leadership Project for Peace and Security project in the Horn of Africa** (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Sudan, and Uganda) **and the Andean region** (Bolivia and Colombia).

THE BACKBONE: UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325

United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) calls for women's equal participation in decisions concerning peace and security. Using 1325 as leverage, the project will work directly with women leaders and women's groups in the Horn of Africa and the Andean region to promote interaction and dialogue with national, regional and international decision-making structures and mechanisms to engage in peace and security policy-making.

MAXIMIZING THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN PEACE & SECURITY MATTERS

Despite some recent successful efforts led by women for peace in the Horn of Africa, this work is seldom acknowledged and women generally remain absent from policy dialogue with government on the critical issues for peace and security that have fundamental gender dimensions and implications.

There are also significant challenges to increasing women's leadership and decision-making roles in security initiatives and peace-making in the Andean region; the overall contribution of women to the formation and implementation of security and peace policies in the region is minimal, and priority is rarely given to supporting their ability to address these conflicts and to build stable, peaceful, and democratic institutions.

SECURITY FLUENCY & A SEAT AT THE TABLE

In order to maximise the participation and contribution of women in political dialogue and national, regional and international security decision-making in the target countries, Club of Madrid members and project partners will focus on the following two components:

• **Learning security fluency:** building women's knowledge of and capacity to address peace and security issues; and,

• **Securing a seat for women at the decision-making table:** advancing women's participation in and influence on security policy and practice, at all levels.

GENERATING IMPACT

A core group of Club of Madrid Members will facilitate and work with local partners towards building the capacity of women leaders in both regions to lead political advocacy campaigns, targeting policy-makers inside and outside the regions.

The project will connect women's groups and political decision-makers to address and begin to bring down the barriers that prevent women from greater participation at national and regional leadership levels in conflict transformation and post-conflict governance.

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*Mary Robinson
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