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The member countries of the European Centre of the International Council of Women (ECICW/CECIF), a pan-European umbrella organisation working within the framework of the International Council of Women and with participative status at the Council of Europe, during the General Assembly 12 - 14th April 2013 in The Hague, participated in a seminar organised by *The Netherland's National Council of Women, Defence Women's Network and the Platform for Women and Sustainable Peace.*

The title of the Seminar was '**Women as Powerful Agents for Peace and Security**' and the central theme was the development of National Action Plans relative to UNSCR1325 which covers three interrelated themes:

1. participation of women at all levels of decision making in conflict resolutions and peace building.
2. protection of women's and girls' rights
3. gender dimension of peace operations.

ECICW-CECIF examined these UNSCR1325 issues and expressed concern that more action should be taken by Governments

ECICW-CECIF calls upon all European Governments:

- (i) to develop National Action Plans relating to the implementation of UNSCR 1325.
- (ii) to stimulate co-operation between civil society, Government and knowledge institutions in work towards peace and reconciliation in conflict and post-conflict areas.
- (iii) to exchange experiences and good practice between countries and other agents in the field.
- (iv) to bear in mind the importance of involving women at all decision-making levels.

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