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**Expert Group Meeting**

**Women, Peace and Security:**

**The Role of Institutions at times of peace and of war in the Arab Region**

3 and 4 November, 2016

B1 Committee Room, UN-House, Beirut

The objective of this EGM is to discuss a draft UN-ESCWA study on “**Women, Peace and Security: The Role of Institutions at times of peace and of war in the Arab Region**”. Participants are expected to contribute their feedback and comments on the draft study, its key findings, and its proposed policy recommendations.

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, Nov 3**

**8:30**            **Registration (Level B1)**

**9:00 - 10:00**    **Session I:**

**Welcome Remarks, Study Overview**

ESCWA will provide an overview on the publication, and will present its first chapter which discusses a new paradigm on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS), and linkages established between the new paradigm and gender equality and the advancement of women with peace and security.

**10:00 - 11:00**    **Session II:**

**Role of Institutions in advancing WPS in times of peace (Chapter 2)**

This session will present the results of ESCWA’s research on the role of institutions in advancing the agenda. It will discuss how mandates influence the design and operations of four categories of institutions, namely national women machineries, national human rights bodies, security sector institutions, and civil society organizations.

**11:00**            **Working Break**

**11:00-12:30**    **Session III:**

**Role of Institutions in advancing WPS in times of war (Chapter 3)**

This session will continue the discussion, shedding lights on findings related to how the mandates and operations of these institutions change in times of war, and how the

institutions themselves are affected by it. This discussion will draw on the primary data collected from Syria, Libya, and Yemen, as well as secondary data from other countries directly affected by conflict.

**12:30 – 13:00 Break**

**13:00- 15:00 Session IV:**

**Role of Institutions in advancing WPS in times of peace and of war**

This session will forwards-looking and building on previous sessions with particular focus on:

- a. Gaps, shortcomings, and opportunities
- b. Nature of Collaborations among institutions
- c. Institutions' responsibility to act: Times of peace and times of war.

The session will thereafter conclude with a discussion on findings and recommendations

**Day 2: Friday Nov 4**

**9:00 - 10:30 Session V:**

**Localizing a new WPS paradigm in Libya, and Yemen**

This session will focus on developing proposals to advance the WPS agenda in Libya and Yemen. The starting point for these paradigms is the "Women's agenda" developed as the contribution of women's groups to each country's peace process.

**11:00 Working Break**

**11:00 -12:30 Session VI:**

**Promoting Women Activism in Peace and in War**

This session will focus on the experiences of women in the peace building processes of Libya, Syria, and Yemen, and draw key lessons learnt to promote women activism, with particular reference to the politics of war and peace-making.

**12:30-13:00 Break**

**13:00 -15:00 Session VII:**

**Reshaping Institutions to advance WPS in times of peace and of war (Chapter 4)**

This session focuses on the implications of conclusions emerging from previous sessions with regards to the role of institutions in advancing the WPS agenda, particularly in war and post-conflict settings. This session will conclude with a discussion on the policy recommendations of the study.

**15:00 Closing**