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WILPF CALLS FOR WOMEN'S INCLUSION AT THE PEACE TABLE

As millions of women around the world mark International Women's Day 2022 it is important that Australian women focus on all those women suffering as a result of conflict and discrimination in their communities

It is hard to celebrate the many achievements of women when we see the horrendous situation of women and children in Ukraine, where lethal attacks disproportionately affect the more vulnerable young and elderly. WILPF joins with so many organisations in calling for a ceasefire and conflict resolution for all people in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

WILPF Australia respects the efforts of the United Nations to resolve conflict around the world, but it needs so much more support from world leaders.

Recent sanctions against Russia do demonstrate more strategic thinking than the traditional military response, but there is an urgent need for more effort to be placed on conflict resolution and negotiation

In November 2012 the Security Council sponsored a day long conference on the importance of women in restoring fractured communities.

That conference ten years ago was told

"Wherever there is conflict women must be part of the solution"

We know that women and children are the primary victims of war but as civilians they are powerless in situations of indiscriminate attack. Yet women are excluded from most peace negotiations and rarely are able to investigate and prosecute war crimes.

WILPF Australia strongly advocates the full implementation of UN Security Resolution 1325 because it is essential to include women's experience and skills in peacebuilding.

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