

Statement for Syrian Women's Forum for Peace

Pre-session for CEDAW and fifty-eight



Syrian Women's Forum for Peace has participated in the discussion session of the Convention on the Elimination of Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) at the United Nations on 10.21.2013. Ms. Luojein Haj Youssef represented the Forum in the meeting.

The forum handed a paper to focus on the importance of women's participation in political life, the SWFP explained that the armed conflict reflects mainly on women, as armed conflict increase and exacerbate the problem of inequality between the sexes. The forum illustrated in the statement the increased risk on Syrian women due to the presence of various forms of sexual violence and violence gender based, from all sides of the conflict.

Syrian Women's Forum for Peace strongly calls on the United Nations to demand all parties involved in the submission of periodic reports and shadow reports on CEDAW to allocate special chapter on the implementation of 1325 and 1820, for these resolutions will certainly help understand the impact of conflict on women and children.



Syrian Women's Forum for Peace also welcomed the new Security Council resolution which determines a stronger measure to enable women to participate in conflict resolution and peace building, the Forum called for the implementation of these measures in Syria. And consider all parties of the Syrian conflict responsible for the implementation of this decision along with the implementation of the Convention (CEDAW).

In the framework of the preparation for the Geneva 2, Syrian Women's Forum for Peace believes that without the support and full participation and involvement of women any peace agreement will not succeed especially on the community level. To this end, the Forum issued a plan by of seven points to achieve the gender sensitive peace-building process in Syria.

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