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*The Advocacy Role of CIRs*

**Presentation on**  
**UN Security Council Resolution 1325**

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# Major areas of Security Council Resolution 1325

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- Protection of rights of women and girls in conflict and post conflict zones
- Participation of women in Peace processes
- Gender training for Peace Keepers
- Participation of women in peace building
- Importance of gender mainstreaming at the UN
- Increasing representation of women in decision-making

# IFUW & CFUW Policies Regarding UN Resolution 1325

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- **Women's Participation in the Peacemaking Process,**  
IFUW 1995
- **Women: Essential to Peace,**  
CFUW 2003
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IFUW 2004

# CFUW's Process in Advocacy: CFUW National

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- Publishes annual CFUW Brief to Government
- Requests & attends meetings with Government Ministers & takes part in Government Hearings when provided the opportunity
- CIR communicates with CFUW Advocacy Directors to formulate further actions
- CIR assists in writing letters to Prime Minister & Ministers
- CIR attends Regional or Provincial Councils, if invited
- CIR assists clubs in their advocacy, when requested
- CIR provides workshops at AGM to direct actions
- CIR participates in NGO coalitions on relevant international issues
- CFUW works in government organized coalitions & participates in consultations.

# CFUW's Process in Advocacy: The CIR also...

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- Represents CFUW at the UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York
- Is responsible for international issues for CFUW
- Participates in international networks
- Participates in conferences & events related to peace & international concerns
- Chairs a CFUW International Relations Committee
- Regularly writes about international issues and provides actions in *CFUW Women in Action* & the *CFUW Communicator*
- Shares messages from IFUW regarding the UN & international issues

# CFUW's Process in Advocacy: Provincial & regional activity

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- CFUW Provincial or Regional Councils also advocate on CFUW and IFUW policy at their provincial levels of government and assist CFUW nationally in organizing Club actions
- Work with NGOs when appropriate in their areas to participate in actions related to CFUW and IFUW policies

# CFUW's Process in Advocacy: Clubs

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- Advocate as directed by CFUW (letter-writing & visiting their Members of Parliament)
- Submit resolutions to CFUW to have considered for policies
- Educate the Club members as to the issues
- Hold public events to participate in community discussions to raise awareness
- Partner with community groups for community action when appropriate