

## **Recommendations**

- 1- Adoption of economic reform programmes that promote participation, bring about justice and equality among social groups without gender-based discriminations, and provide women with access to economic opportunities, as well as identification of mechanisms to implement these programmes.
- 2- Lifting of restrictions on women's rights and defence organizations to provide them with proper space and freedom to monitor violations of women and girls' rights, achieve equality, and eliminate gender-based discrimination, poverty, and unequal distribution of roles.
- 3- Emphasizing the need for states to assume primary responsibility in providing social services and protection within a gender-sensitive rights-based and developmental approach.
- 4- Abolishment of discriminatory constitutional and legal provisions that would exclude women and prevent them from exercising their role in society, and adoption of necessary measures and procedures to guarantee gender equality.
- 5- Amendment of national legislations so that they are aligned with international human rights conventions and standards, and elimination of discrepancies among national laws to ensure coherence and consistency.
- 6- Amendment and development of personal status laws to bring about equality based on international and human rights standards as a key to achieving gender equality, and to ensure the proper balance in power relations between men and women in roles of authority in private and public life.
- 7- Committing states to develop national action plans to eliminate discrimination and achieve gender equality, to mainstream gender quality in all national action plans, and to provide the necessary budgets for implementation of the strategies, laws and measures to guarantee women's access to justice.
- 8- Urging states, international organizations, and parties in situations of armed conflict to include women in all tracks, to emphasize the essential role that women play in peacebuilding, reconstruction, and negotiations.
- 9- Committing states to develop national action plans for implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 and subsequent resolutions, whether during the armed conflicts or the peacebuilding stages, and to provide the necessary budgets for implementation.

- 10- Creation of regulatory mechanisms and measures that clarify the value standards to be used by the media in presenting stereotypical social roles of women and men.
- 11- Emphasizing the importance of women's full participation in all fields and in all positions, whether appointed or elected, at the national and local level, taking into account international and Arab experiences that are based on gender parity.
- 12- Strengthening the capacities of national women machineries taking into account their complementarity with civil society organizations, and their ability to monitor and access financial and human resources that would enable them to assume their role in proposing legal amendments and in efficiently and professionally activating the necessary policies.
- 13- Ensuring the independence of national human rights institutions and promoting their role in protecting women's and girl's rights at the national, regional, and international level.
- 14- Calling upon the international community to honour its commitments and to provide international protection to women and girls in the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, and to lobby towards ending Israeli violations of women and girls' essential rights and putting an end to their suffering.
- 15- Adoption of legislation and measures, and provision of necessary services to address the consequences and causes of violence, including sexual violence, faced by women in times of conflict, and recognizing this violence as a war crime, holding the perpetrators accountable and denying them impunity.
- 16- Encouraging states to accede to international conventions, including the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and to use international standards in investigations pertaining to sexual crimes in conflict situations.
- 17- Incorporating gender equality approaches in all transitional justice tracks, and not overlooking crimes and violations that affect women and girls.
- 18- Encouraging states to lift reservations to CEDAW and to accede to its optional protocol.
- 19- Encouraging states to adopt protection measures for human rights defenders.
- 20- Incorporating a gender perspective in climate justice policies, collecting, disseminating and analysing gender-segregated data, and involving women in planning and negotiations related to climate change and how to deal with natural disasters prior to and after their occurrence.
- 21- Need to include women in official peace building processes, and to mainstream gender in post-conflict reconstruction programs and arrangements, and to guarantee the safe return of women refugees to their original communities as well as their social reintegration.

22- Encouraging states to take all appropriate measures to eliminate structural discrimination and gender-based violence in political frameworks, public institutions, and social and cultural structures.