

Purpose of the Framework of Cooperation Agreement

The purpose of this Framework of Cooperation Agreement between the Office of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG-SVC) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is to raise awareness among national parliaments about the scourge of sexual violence in situations of armed conflict, in particular against women and girls but also against men and boys, used as a tactic of war, terrorism and political repression, and to provide support on the prevention and response to conflict-related sexual violence.³

As the world marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the 20th anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325, and the 10th anniversary of the Security Council resolution 1888, the SRSG-SVC and the IPU view this Framework of Cooperation Agreement as a critical tool for parliamentary action to address th12 792 reW*ñBT/F2 12 Tf1 0 0 1 317.93 567.22 Tm0 g0 G{)G{)]G{)]G0.00000912 0 612 79G{)

Terms and modalities of collaborative activities

In order to support implementation of the Framework Cooperation Agreement, all assistance programs with parliaments will be subject to the availability of sufficient financial and human resources for that purpose and will be conducted in a gender-sensitive manner, in compliance with the Office of the SRSG-SVC and the IPU's programme of work, priority activities, principles, internal rules, regulations, policies

5. Cooperating in the promotion of the Conflict-related Sexual Violence and the Women, Peace and Security agendas through the conduct of joint research and advocacy in the framework of actions to support:
 - The review of conflict-related sexual violence legislation, including the incorporation, amendment and implementation of legislation on:
 - serious international crimes (including war crimes, crimes against humanity, torture and genocide); transnational crimes (including trafficking in persons and acts of terrorism); and grave domestic crimes (including rape and other forms of sexual violence);
 - the holistic protection, support, and provision of the full range of comprehensive services to survivors of sexual violence, their families and communities, including children conceived through acts of sexual violence, through legislation, inter alia, on reparations, victim and witness protection; and
 - the prohibition of amnesties for perpetrators of conflict-related sexual violence regardless of their rank or political affiliation.
 - The protection from violence and reprisals against members of parliament and other public officials, as well as human rights defenders, for their work in the prevention and response to conflict-related sexual violence;
 - The inclusion of sexual and gender-based violence considerations as an integral part of peace and political processes including through the meaningful participation; and
 - Ensuring that survivors of sexual violence are not left behind, including through their full and meaningful participation in discussions regarding the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Goals 5 and 16.
6. Using various platforms available within the United Nations, such as the annual Security Council Open Debate on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (19 June), or Arria formula meetings, to raise awareness on the role of national parliaments in the prevention and response to conflict-related sexual violence.
7. Sharing of calendars of relevant activities, initiatives or strategies pertinent to the areas of cooperation herein identified.

The above list is not exhaustive and should not be taken to exclude or replace other forms of cooperation between the Office of the SRSG-SVC and IPU on other issues of common interest.