



**A Security Council Presidency Trio for Women, Peace and Security
Ireland, Kenya and Mexico
September, October and November 2021**

Statement of Shared Commitments

Ireland, Kenya and Mexico are committed to making Women, Peace and Security a top priority, in concrete and tangible ways, during our respective presidencies of the Security Council during September, October and November 2021. We are determined to advance the implementation of the WPS agenda and to help close the persistent gap between rhetoric and reality that has hampered the realisation of its full potential, especially on the ground.

We believe in the transformative power of the WPS agenda to enable the Security Council to fulfil its mandate to maintain international peace and security. Women and girls have the right to participate fully, equally and meaningfully in matters of peace and security and to protection in situations of armed conflict, including from sexual and gender-based violence, in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions and international law, in particular international human rights law and international humanitarian law.

Ireland and Mexico, as co-chairs of the Informal Expert Group on Women, Peace and Security, will continue to maximise the contribution of that group to the work of the Council and all its bodies. Kenya will also further advance this effort as host of October's Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security during its presidency.

Our shared goal is to ensure that WPS is integrated fully into country-specific and other discussions on the Council's agenda and receives the attention it merits.

To that end, and to drive forward implementation of the WPS normative framework, we commit to:

- Gender balance, striving towards gender parity, among those we invite to brief the Security Council.
- Strong representation of diverse women civil society briefers in Security Council meetings.
- Making WPS an explicit focus of at least one mandated geographic meeting of the Council over the three months.
- Requesting the inclusion of gender analysis in briefings by the UN to the Council.
- Heightening the visibility of our discussions on WPS by holding WPS press 'stakeouts'.
- Ensuring that Security Council products we draft integrate strong WPS language.
- Ensuring that signature events we host include substantive gender perspectives.
- Preparing a handover and summary at the conclusion of our presidencies with best practice recommendations on WPS, including from civil society, for future Security Council presidencies.
- Marking the opening and closing months of the Trio with PR level meetings on WPS hosted by the IEG co-chairs, Ireland and Mexico, to complement the annual debate hosted by Kenya.
- Highlighting the positive impact of the IEG on WPS five years after its creation and the need to strengthen synergies with other mechanisms aimed at advancing the WPS Agenda.
- Reflecting WPS highlights and recommendations in our end-of-presidency wrap sessions.
- Advancing the objective of the Arria-formula meeting of 8 March 2021 calling for the UN to lead by example in ensuring the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in peace processes it leads or co-leads.