



## Inputs for the Zero-Draft of the Pact for the Future

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### **Chapeau**

The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP) is a coalition of over 100 women's and peace organizations from conflict and crisis-affected areas worldwide, including diaspora communities. Our members are women, young women and gender equality allies who work to promote and maintain peace in their communities. We work alongside them to amplify their voices and promote their full, equal and meaningful participation in formal and informal peace processes and decision-making, while supporting their work to prevent wars and violence, respond to crises, and build just, inclusive and sustainable peace.

In response to the call for collective action, GNWP is keen to provide its series of inputs for the preparation of the zero-draft of the Pact for the Future. GNWP's contributions highlight the important links between gender equality, sustainable development, international peace and security, technological innovation, youth participation and global governance. We advocate for a Pact that is not only sustainable but also just and inclusive. This chapeau serves as a call to action, urging stakeholders to integrate gender-responsive perspectives and recommendations in the zero-draft. In doing so, women and girls are recognized as central to peacebuilding and women, in all their diversity, are respected and uplifted as leaders and decision-makers, and their rights are promoted, protected and fulfilled.

### **Chapter I. Sustainable D**



4. Recognize corruption as a root cause of insecurity for women and their exclusion from peacebuilding and decision-making by embedding corruption-related analysis into implementation policies of the WPS agenda.<sup>4</sup>
5. Ensure that there is a broad understanding of corruption and its effects on women during peacebuilding processes, including sexual exploitation and abuse as forms of corruption.

### **Chapter III. Science, Technology and Innovation and Digital Cooperation**

Cybersecurity plays a key role in shaping a sustainable and inclusive future. GNWP emphasizes cybersecurity in its work by conducting research and training to protect human rights and combat cyber threats against diverse women peacebuilders, documenting their use of information and communication technologies for peacebuilding and activism,<sup>5</sup> as well as advocating for the inclusion of gender perspectives in national cybersecurity strategies.<sup>6</sup> These recommendations underscore the synergy between cybersecurity and gender-based violence and their important addition to the Pact for the Future:

1. Embed cybersecurity, women's human rights and WPS in the language of UN mission mandate reviews and renewals through the production and dissemination of concrete language proposals.
2. Raise the profile of gender issues by including a pledge to mainstream gender in national cybersecurity policies and initiatives.
3. Support and promote coalition-building among organizations active in the fields of WPS, technology and cybersecurity to improve collaboration and advocacy on human-centric and gender-sensitive approaches to cybersecurity.
4. Develop a multi-stakeholder accountability mechanism to improve oversight and accountability, convene stakeholders to revise national legal and regulatory frameworks on cybersecurity and oversee their full implementation.
5. Conduct awareness-raising campaigns on gendered cyber threats, provide recommendations on cybersecurity hygiene strategies for women and other vulnerable groups and equip them with information on digital rights and channels for reporting cyber incidents and contacting legal remedy mechanisms.
6. Draw from the grassroots expertise of women and women's rights organizations and consider their role as active contributors to the assessment of cyber threats as well as the design and implementation of cybersecurity capacity-building and programming.
7. Encourage women's organizations, journalists, women activists and civil society to continue their advocacy on the issue of women's rights online and introducing stronger restrictions and content control to prevent hate speech, violence and harassment against women online. t



#### **Chapter IV. Youth and Future Generations**

At GNWP, we stand steadfast in elevating and promoting diverse young women as leaders, influencers and peacebuilders. GNWP's Young Women+ Leaders for Peace (YWL) program trains young women to become leaders, policy influencers and agents of peace in their local communities.<sup>7</sup> By hosting a variety of advocacy initiatives, such as training of trainers on peacebuilding



of GNWP's full-cycle implementation of the WPS, YPS and Sustaining Peace resolutions, we convene diverse local actors to collaborate in the implementation of WPS and YPS policies in their communities to ensure that stakeholders translate these policies into concrete actions that benefit women, youth and the entire community. The following recommendations are rooted in our commitment to advancing gender equality, social justice and peacebuilding efforts around the world: