

## **FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION**

### **Purpose of the Cooperation Agreement**

The purpose of this Cooperation Agreement between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Committee) and the Office of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG-SVC) is to advance the rights of women and girls by combating conflict-related sexual violence, supporting the implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security/sexual violence in conflict (SCRs 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009), 1960 (2010), 2106 (2013) and 2331 (2016)) as a strategy to protect women and girls from the gendered scourge of conflict. This would be done, in particular through:

- a. Establishment of a joint programme of work to support the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security/sexual violence in conflict and the recommendations of the Committee and the SRSG-SVC, including at regional and country levels;
- b. Advancing national level implementation of human rights standards on the protection of women and girls affected by conflict-related sexual violence; and
- c. Cooperating in the conduct of research and collection of data to ensure accountability of Member States with the obligations under the Convention and the relevant series of United Nations Security Council resolutions.

### **Areas of collaboration**

Recognising the common objectives and mutually-reinforcing mandates to protect and promote the rights of women and girls affected by conflict-related sexual violence, the Committee and the SRSG-SVC will collaborate in areas of mutual interest and engagement, where possible and appropriate, including but not limited to:

1. Exchange of information regarding country situations under consideration by the Committee and those subject to visits and reports by the Committee and the SRSG-SVC. This exchange of information should include administrative and substantive elements where: (a) calendars of relevant activities are shared to facilitate the exchange of information; and (b) relevant background and other documents such as lists of issues, concluding observations, preliminary reports, and the Committee's digest of its jurisprudence on women, peace and security, are shared;
2. Use of exceptional reports and visits to address concerns about violations of women's human rights in conflict and post-conflict situations;
3. Effective use of opportunities for the advancement of the women, peace and security agenda including the use of various platforms available within the United Nations agenda such as the Arria Formula in order to advance the women, peace and security agenda through the lens of the respective mandates of the Committee and the SRSG-SVC;
4. Holding discussion panels to take stock of the state of implementation of the various frameworks governing women, peace and security to improve synergies between the Committee and the SRSG-SVC's mandates; and

5. Undertaking joint outreach activities to promote the work of both mandates including under the Committee's General Recommendation No. 30 (2013) on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations, General Recommendation No. 32 (2014), General recommendation No. 35 (2017), and United Nations Security Council Resolutions on women, peace and security/sexual violence in conflict, including by framing questions on compliance with commitments and resolutions on sexual violence in conflict in the constructive dialogue with States Parties to cross-leverage accountability regimes.

### **Terms and modalities of collaborative activities**

Any activity in support of the aforementioned areas of collaboration will be subject to the availability of sufficient financial and human resources for that purpose, as well as each mandate's programme of work, priority activities, internal rules, regulations, policies, administrative procedures and practices.

The Committee and the SRSB-SVC will nominate a focal point to facilitate coordination between them in respect of any matters related to the implementation of the agreed to activities.



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