

RESOLUTION on

PROMOTING WOMEN'S ROLE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACE BUILDING

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Further to the ICJW Policy on Status of Women in reference to # 3: Increasing Women's Leadership and Participation in Decision-making, and recalling UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on "Women, Peace and Security," and its urgent call for increased representation of women at all decision-making levels for the prevention, management, and resolution of conflict, yet aware that despite women's contribution to the substance of peace negotiations, while widely recognized as a tool for attaining sustainable results, twenty-two years after the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, women continue to be excluded from participation in peace processes, and their pivotal role in conflict-resolution is still marginal, and recognizing the efforts of UN bodies, governments, women's organizations, and civil-society activists to implement Resolution 1325 as part of strengthening women's leadership and their full and equal participation in decision-making, the International Council of Jewish Women calls upon its members and affiliates

To ensure that women are sensitized to recognize their role in society and the importance of making their voice heard in conflict-resolution and in peace-building;

To encourage and spread innovative approaches to break the old paradigms regarding peace and women and security and focus on initiatives to ensure women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life;

To establish and support peace-education programs, with emphasis on the development of non-racist textbooks, promoting dialogue from an early age, and stressing democracy and tolerance in conflict-resolution.

To encourage and strengthen cooperation among women's organizations in order to articulate in a clearer voice and a clearer message the need for women in leadership positions in order to promote economic and social stability, remove causes of unrest and violence, and advocate for equality;

To make wise use of social media in order to spread international understanding, democratic principles, and women's role in peace-building and conflict-resolution.