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WOMEN, PEACE & SECURITY STRATEGY

President Trump is committed to protecting the United States and promoting global peace and stability by enhancing women's leadership in efforts to prevent conflict, stem terrorism, and promote security around the world.

. In October 2017, President Trump signed into law the Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017, which aims to increase the United States efforts to enhance the meaningful participation of women in all aspects of overseas conflict prevention. This is the first standalone, comprehensive legislation of its kind globally, which solidifies the United States as a trailblazing global leader in building innovative solutions to difficult foreign policy challenges.

. Promoting women's meaningful inclusion and participation across efforts to restore security and support economic development is not simply a women's issue, it is a national security issue and vital for human progress.

. Women provide essential contributions to forging lasting solutions to conflict, terrorism, and crisis-yet their perspectives and leadership are too often untapped. A growing body of evidence demonstrates that women are partners we cannot afford to ignore, as their participation leads to better outcomes not only for women, but for entire societies.

. The Administration fully supports the comprehensive integration of women into conflict prevention, conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and disaster recovery efforts worldwide, and recognizes that the protection of women from violence is critical to their meaningful participation in promoting security. The United States Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS Strategy) is a whole-of-government plan that directs Federal departments and agencies with foreign policy and assistance missions to take steps to promote women's participation and safety in efforts to resolve conflict, recover from natural disasters, and promote security.

. The WPS Strategy directs various departments and agencies with foreign policy and assistance missions to increase efforts to guarantee the meaningful participation of women in conflict resolution and disaster recovery; to increase women and girls' level of physical safety, access to assistance, and justice in areas experiencing conflict or disaster; and to ensure that the impact of our efforts are lasting.

. The United States WPS efforts, in conjunction with our initiative to support women's prosperity including Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative, recognize that societies that empower women economically and politically are far more stable and peaceful.

. The primary implementers of this strategy are the Department of State, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

. These departments and agencies will integrate the objectives of the WPS Strategy into their internal training and put its principles into action during foreign interactions and programs around the globe.

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As we approach next year's 20 year anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which for the first time recognized women's essential contributions to preventing and resolving conflict, the United States remains committed to expanding the role of women in the establishment and maintenance of global peace, security, and prosperity around the world.

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On the WH website:

Today, President Donald J. Trump released the [United States Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security](#), which focuses both on increasing women's participation in political, civic, and security endeavors to prevent and resolve conflicts and on creating conditions for long-term peace around the world. The Strategy aims to ensure women are no longer absent from, or overlooked at, the negotiating table, and it modernizes international programs to improve equality for, and the empowerment of, women.

President Trump was the first global leader to sign bipartisan legislation of this kind, making the United States the first country in the world with a standalone, comprehensive law on Women, Peace, and Security.

The Trump Administration has demonstrated its commitment to empowering women across the globe in economic and security fields, including through the White House Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Initiative, unveiled earlier this year. With today's release of our Strategy on Women, Peace, and Security, the United States reaffirms its strong and unwavering commitment to advancing women's equality, protecting the rights of women and girls, and promoting women's economic empowerment.