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ON APPROVAL OF THE SECOND NATIONAL ACTION PLAN

OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA FOR 2022-2024

**OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1325 ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY
AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

Guided by Article 146 of the Constitution of the Republic of Armenia, the 13th point of the section “Ministry of Foreign Affairs” of the “Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Armenia for 2021-2026” approved by Annex 1 to the Decision N 1902-L of November 18, 2021

The Government of the Republic of Armenia decides:

1. To approve the Second National Action Plan of the Republic of Armenia for 2022-2024 of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security and its implementation schedule in accordance with the Annex.
2. This decision enters into force on the day following its publication.

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Introduction

The Republic of Armenia developed National Action Plan (hereinafter Plan) on UN Security Council Resolution 1325, thus reaffirming its willingness to continue the work towards the themes on women, peace and security. The plan is based on the previous National Action Plan analysis and takes into consideration the achievements and lessons learnt. The Plan refers to the issues and challenges emerged for the women and girls displaced in the result of the war of aggression unleashed by Azerbaijan against Artsakh in autumn 2020, as well as for the women and girls of the border regions of Armenia. As a result of the war of aggression, 80 civilians were killed, 12 of which were women, meanwhile the majority of them were older persons.

As a result of the war of aggression more than 91.000 persons were forcibly displaced and provided with shelter in Armenia, 88 percent of them were women and children. The use of force had its negative impact on regional stability and the lives and health of hundreds of thousands of people were jeopardized.

The war of aggression has unleashed and continued in the conditions of COVID-19 pandemic, thus complicating making the situation of women and girls.

Thus, the Plan represents the problems of women and girls appeared in a critical situation, referring to their security component. The Plan specifies the issues of forcibly displaced women, emerged security-related challenges as a result of the new border situation and their impact on women and girls. The Plan emphasizes the importance of women's participation in the defense system, underlines the necessity of involving local self-government bodies in order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Plan at the local level.

The Plan covers a timeline of three years, and, being a living document, has the opportunity to be revised and amended, to reflect the current situation.

The Plan has been designed based on the principle of inclusive participation, particularly, in the process of its development in addition to state institutions there were involved representatives of non-governmental organizations and women affected by the war, including those who were displaced from Artsakh.

The Plan reaffirms the necessity of cooperation among various institutions inside the country, as well as of international cooperation.

Thus, based on the main pillars of 1325 - participation, protection, prevention, recovery and relief: new separate direction – cooperation - is being added to the 2022 – 2024 NAP. The Plan defines a new strategy of monitoring and proposes a mechanism which can best assess the effectiveness of its implementation.

The Plan is in line with other strategies of Armenia on women's advancement and gender equality, which enables an accurate calculation and use of potential human and financial resources. The Plan has taken into account Armenia's international commitments on the rights of women and gender equality issues, including those in the framework of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, the Universal Periodic Review and others.

Armenia has also included the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 provisions as a significant issue in the list of its 2020 – 2022 membership priorities to the Human Rights Council.

As a country fighting against mass atrocities, Armenia highly prioritizes the role of women and girls in the context of genocide prevention in its 1325 Plan.

1325 resolution “emphasizes the responsibility of all States to put an end to impunity and to prosecute those responsible for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes including those relating to sexual and other violence against women and girls, and in this regard stresses the need to exclude these crimes, where feasible from amnesty provisions”.

1. Participation

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
1.	Promotion of the policy aimed at the involvement of women in different subdivisions of the Armed Forces.	Raising awareness on the role of women serving in the Armed Forces	Implementation of mechanisms for promoting women’s involvement in policy-making in the defense sector. Increase of the number of female applicants to military educational	2022-2024	Ministry of Defense	Human rights defender (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries, non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations

			institutions of the Republic of Armenia.				Other sources not prohibited by law
2.	Promotion of the involvement and advancement of women in the police system	Enhancement of involvement of female applicants and lecturers in the Police Academy Awareness among decision makers in the Police system on the issues of women and equal rights and opportunities for women and men	Increasing the number of events aimed at career guidance, including the number of the courses	2022-2024	RA Police RA Ministry of Justice	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

3.	Ensure the involvement of women of border regions (including those appeared in the new security situation), and forcibly displaced women in the discussion of security-related issues	Ensuring women's involvement and participation in the activities of LSGs and designing of community development programmes Assessment of women's security needs Inclusion of the security component in the projects of non-governmental organizations, including	Increasing the number of discussions and courses on security issues for female members of community Elders' Councils Reflection of women's security needs assessment results in all RA strategies	2022-2024	Local self-government bodies of border communities	Other bodies of RA state administration Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

		women's resource centers					
4.	Ensuring women's participation in the process of development of national and community programmes and of decision-making on climate change mitigation, adaptation	Identification of economic sectors and communities more vulnerable to climate change and development of programmes, with the involvement of women's professional and social groups	Ensuring equal opportunities for women's participation in the national and community programmes on the relevant sectors	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Environment	RA regional administrations and local self-government bodies (upon consent) UN Development Programme (upon consent) Other international organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

5.	Increasing preparedness of women to cope with crisis situations in border communities	Organizing trainings on population protection and on civil protection issues in crisis situations in border communities	Ensuring an increased number of women, participating in trainings	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent) United Nations Population Fund (upon consent) Other international organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
6.	Awareness on the importance of women's role in the defense system	Organizing meetings and conferences with various groups of the society on the role of women in the	Awareness raising on women and security topic	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Defense RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure	Human Rights Defender (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-

		defense system; including the participation of international experts				non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
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2. Protection

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
7.	Ensuring protection of women and girls having experienced violence during conflicts.	Capacity building for the workers of entities responsible for displacement and relocation increasing the gender sensitivity Training for law-	Carrying out research work as needed Organization of trainings and raising awareness (victims protection and warning mechanisms).	2022-2024	RA Police RA Academy of Justice (upon consent)	Ministry of Emergency Situations RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs National Security Service	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations

		<p>enforcement bodies, judges</p> <p>Improvement of referral mechanisms for women having experienced violence, including sexual abuse; localization of best international practices</p>	<p>Training of about 100 judges and persons included in the list of candidates for judges and about 250 prosecutors and persons included in the list of candidates for prosecutors, throughout 1 year</p>			<p>Regional administrations and local self-government bodies (upon consent)</p> <p>Human Rights Defender (upon consent)</p> <p>Armenian Red Cross Society (upon consent)</p> <p>International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)</p>	Other sources not prohibited by law
8.	Ensuring the special protection of	Building shelters in border	Increasing the number and improving the	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs	Financial resources of

	women and girls in case of wars, emergency situations and epidemics	settlements and making adjustments to existing shelters, based on gender-specific standards Ensuring gender sensitivity in the implementation and application of COVID-19 pandemic response mechanisms	quality of shelters Existence of civil protection courses, considering gender-related specificities		RA Ministry of Health	Migration Service of RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure RA Urban Development Committee International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
9	Supporting the social adaptation of the wives of military servicemen, deployed in	Cooperation with national institutions, local self-governing bodies, non-governmental	Conducting professional training courses to ensure employment for military	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs RA Ministry of Territorial Administration	RA Ministry of Defense	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of

	the military units in border settlements	organizations on the social integration of military servicemen's wives	servicemen's wives		and Infrastructure		non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
10	Conducting courses, aimed at the development of first aid skills in emergency situations and/or at war (paying special attention to displaced women and women in border regions)	Ensuring cooperation with LSGs	Increasing the number of first aid courses for women and girls	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	RA Ministry of Health Armenian Red Cross RA regional administrations and local self-government bodies (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

3. Prevention

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
11	Participation of women and girls in activities, aimed at the prevention of genocides, crimes against humanity and war crimes	Examination and collection and awareness raising of cases on the violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law (including those committed as a result of 2020 aggression against Nagorno-Karabakh) against civilians	Development and dissemination of training materials Summary information on Armenia's international work towards genocide prevention	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs Office of the representative of the Republic of Armenia to the European Court of Human Rights	RA Ministry of Defense Human Rights Defender (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

		<p>Studying the work by the RA aimed at genocide prevention</p> <p>Organizing special training for the peace-keeping contingent and Police staff</p>					
12	Raising awareness and development of skills on the topics on women, security and peace	<p>Increasing awareness on UN SCR 1325, translation and dissemination of related resolutions</p> <p>English translation of UN SCR 1325 second</p>	Increasing the number of women in the awareness raising campaigns and courses for skills development	2022-2024	<p>RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p>RA Ministry of Justice</p> <p>RA Ministry of Defense</p>	International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	<p>State budget</p> <p>Financial resources of international organizations</p> <p>Financial resources of non-governmental organizations</p> <p>Other sources not</p>

		national action plan Ensuring wide awareness raising on international documents regarding women's rights					prohibited by law
13	Building educational capacity, including information on UN SCR 1325 in educational curricula	To include in the curricula of higher educational institutions courses on ensuring the protection of woman rights and equal opportunities in the defense system or related sectors,	Availability of relevant courses, training materials and lectures in the curricula of higher educational institutions in RA Availability of relevant courses,	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Defense RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport	International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law

		<p>Including awareness raising materials in the modules for teachers' pre-attestation training programmes</p>	<p>educational materials and lectures in the curricula of military educational institutions</p> <p>Availability of awareness raising materials in the training modules for school teachers and academic staff</p> <p>Availability of awareness materials in trainings for pedagogical staff</p>				
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14	Increasing awareness among the staff of General Military Investigative Department (GMID) of the Investigative Committee and Military Prosecutor's Office on the protection of women's rights in security sector	Organization of workshops for the representatives of the Investigative Committee and the Military Prosecutor's Office on the protection of women's rights in the security sector	Increasing of number of workshops for awareness raising in the military law enforcement bodies	2022-2024	RA Investigative Committee Prosecutor General's Office of the RA RA Academy of Justice	Human Rights Defender (upon consent) International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
15	Implementation of measures for the activity of	Create a national excellence	Development of cyber literacy and enhancement	2022-2024	RA Ministry of High-Tech Industry	International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-	Financial resources of

	women in cyber security programmes, strengthening confidence in digital solutions	center for cyber security	of fight against cybercrime, protection of personal data, considering the specific issues, related to women			governmental organizations (upon consent)	international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
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4. Relief and recovery

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
16	Psychological and legal support to forcibly displaced women or	Needs assessment (will be implemented on the basis of the order of	Needs assessment of displaced women and girls and of those under the	2023-2024	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Migration Service of RA	RA Ministry of Health RA Ministry of Emergency Situations	Financial resources of international organizations

	<p>women under risk of displacement,</p>	<p>the RA Minister of Labor and Social Affairs 25.01.2017 N6-A/1)</p> <p>Development and implementation of rehabilitation (including psychological) and integration programmes</p> <p>Provision and improvement of quality of rehabilitation and integration services</p>	<p>risk of displacement, development and implementation of a relevant integration plan</p>		<p>Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure</p>	<p>International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)</p>	<p>Financial resources of non-governmental organizations</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
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17	Ensuring of the protection of the social and economic rights of women and girls, residing in settlements, affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, along with the use of force in 2016 and 2020, including women displaced from Azerbaijan and take refuge in Nagorno-	Implementati on of socio-economic projects for women and girls affected by the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Ensuring of women’s access to economic integration projects Creation of a favourable environment and increased competitiveness of women in the labour market	Revision of socio-economic projects Involvement of women affected by the conflict in the projects implemented by women’s resource centers Adjustment of the environment and increasing the number of jobs	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure Migration Service LSGs, Yerevan Municipality (upon consent)	RA Ministry of Economy Inspection body RA Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
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	Karabakh in 1988-1992						

5. Cooperation

N	Objective	Measures	Performance Indicators	Time limit	Responsible Executor	Co-executors	Sources of Funding
18	Ensuring of cooperation among all local platforms within UN SCR 1325 program	Promotion of cooperation, implementation of joint projects mutual visits, exchange of experience	Increasing the number of joint visits and implemented projects	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	All structures involved in 1325 Commission International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations

						organizations (upon consent)	Other sources not prohibited by law
19	Ensuring of cooperation with countries that have UN SCR 1325 National Action Plans, stakeholder international organizations and women's foundations	Mutual visits, exchange of experience, involvement of experts Holding joint conferences Application of the best international practice Joining regional and international 1325 networks	Strengthening of knowledge Strengthening of RA position on international platforms	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	All structures involved in the 1325 Commission International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
20	Study of international best practice and	Study of the practice of leading countries,	Development and representation of	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Defense RA Ministry of Territorial	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Financial resources of

	<p>establishment of cooperation to promote women's participation in the defense sector, including women displaced from Azerbaijan and take refuge in Nagorno-Karabakh and the Republic of Armenia in 1988-1992</p>	<p>organization of visits</p> <p>Cooperation with international bodies working on the topic of women, peace and security</p>	<p>recommendations as a result of obtained knowledge and research</p>		<p>Administration and Infrastructure</p>	<p>International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)</p>	<p>international organizations</p> <p>Financial resources of non-governmental organizations</p> <p>Other sources not prohibited by law</p>
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21	Ensuring of cooperation and exchange of experience on the implementation of UN SCR 1325 and related resolutions with the authorities and non-governmental organizations in Nagorno-Karabakh	Organization of regular consultations and topical discussions, along with the participation of international experts	Ensuring the number of consultations and topical discussions	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	RA stakeholder agencies International organizations, stakeholder countries and non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
22	Establishment of cooperation with the UN Secretary-General's Office on	Study of UN's experience on the issues of prevention and protection of women and girls	Involvement in the international discussions on the issues of early prevention,	2022-2024	RA Ministry of Foreign Affairs	RA stakeholder agencies International organizations, stakeholder countries and	Financial resources of international organizations Financial resources of

	Genocide Prevention	from mass atrocities	peace-keeping missions, victims' protection, justice and compensation			non-governmental organizations (upon consent)	non-governmental organizations Other sources not prohibited by law
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6. Monitoring and Assessment

Submission of annual reports by the members of the Interagency Commission, ensuring the implementation of Resolution 1325. Establishment of a working group, consisting of agencies and NGOs that are members of the Commission (with the involvement of international experts, as appropriate), to assess the submitted reports and evaluate the effectiveness of the conducted work.