

**Seventy-seventh session**

Agenda item 99 (gg)

**General and complete disarmament: women, disarmament,
non-proliferation and arms control****Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 7 December 2022***[on the report of the First Committee (A/77/385, para. 110)]***77/55. Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control***The General Assembly,**Recalling* that the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms the equal rights of women and men,*Recalling also* its resolutions [65/69](#) of 8 December 2010, [67/48](#) of 3 December 2012, [68/33](#) of 5 December 2013, [69/61](#) of 2 December 2014, [71/56](#) of 5 December 2016, [73/46](#) of 5 December 2018 and [75/48](#) of 7 December 2020,*Recalling further* General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on the issue of women and peace and security,*Recalling* the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,¹*Taking note* of action 36 of the Agenda for Disarmament of the Secretary-General, on the full and equal participation of women in decision-making processes, and action 37, on gender parity on disarmament bodies established by the Secretariat,*Reaffirming* the Sustainable Development Goals relevant to the promotion of women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, and acknowledging that the success of efforts to achieve sustainable development and disarmament depends on the full and effective inclusion of women in all aspects of these efforts,*Welcoming* the call for the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit transfer of small arms, pursuant to Security Council resolutions [2106 \(2013\)](#) of 24 June 2013, [2117 \(2013\)](#) of

¹ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.



26 September 2013, [2122 \(2013\)](#) of 18 October 2013 and [2220 \(2015\)](#) of 22 May 2015,

Reaffirming that the full, equal and meaningful participation of both women and men is one of the essential factors for the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Recognizing that women should not only be perceived as victims and survivors of gender-based armed violence, but are also essential in preventing and reducing armed violence, and are active and key players in advocating for arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation,

Recognizing also the valuable contribution of women to practical disarmament measures carried out at the local, national, subregional, regional and global levels in the prevention and reduction of armed violence and armed conflict, and in promoting disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control,

Recalling its resolution [76/45](#) of 6 December 2021, in which it reaffirms the important and positive contribution that young people can make to the promotion and attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Recognizing that the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control should be further developed and in particular the need to facilitate the participation and representation of women in policymaking, planning and implementation processes related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control,

Recalling the entry into force of the Arms Trade Treaty,² therefore reiterating the need for States parties to ensure the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and men in pursuing the object and purpose of all provisions of the Treaty, and welcoming the inclusion of the provisions on serious acts of gender-based violence and on violence against children, while also recalling the adoption of the action-oriented decision on gender and gender-based violence at the Fifth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty,

Welcoming the outcome of the Eighth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of Member States to increase the participation of women in their national and regional coordination mechanisms on disarmament-related matters, including in efforts to prevent, combat and eradicate the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects,

Recognizing the important role played by civil society organizations in promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control,

Taking into consideration the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the progress made in gender equality, multilateral disarmament and arms control, and acknowledging that the pandemic has further exacerbated the socioeconomic conditions of people in vulnerable situations across the world, which has resulted in the intensification of tensions and an alarming increase in cases of domestic and gender-based armed violence,

1. *Urges* Member States, relevant subregional and regional organizations, the United Nations and the specialized agencies to promote equal opportunities for the representation of women in all decision-making processes with regard to matters related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, in particular as it relates to the prevention and reduction of armed violence and armed conflict;

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 3013, No. 52373.

2. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken by Member States to implement General Assembly resolution 75/48;³

3. *Also welcomes* the continuing efforts of the United Nations organs, agencies, funds and programmes to accord high priority to the issue of women and peace and security, particularly in assisting Member States in the implementation of all resolutions related to women in the context of peace and security, and in this regard notes the important role of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);

4. *Encourages* Member States to better understand the impact of armed violence, in particular the impact of the illicit trafficking in small arms and light weapons on women and girls, through, inter alia, the development of national action plans on women and peace and security, strengthening the collection of data, where feasible disaggregated by income, sex, age, race, ethnicity, marital status, migration status, disability, geographical location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts, and utilizing analysis mechanisms to inform evidence-based, gender-sensitive policymaking and programming;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to take account of the differing impacts of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons on women, men, girls and boys and to strengthen or develop, where they do not exist, response mechanisms to address such impacts;

6. *Encourages* Member States to mainstream a gender perspective into their implementation efforts to address the differential impact of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons on women, men, girls and boys;

7. *Urges* Member States to support and strengthen the full, equal, meaningful and effective participation of women in organizations in the field of disarmament at the local, national, subregional, regional and global levels;

8. *Calls upon* all States to empower women, including through mentoring, networking, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building efforts, as appropriate, to participate in the design and implementation of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control efforts;

9. *Encourages* States to seriously consider increasing funding for policies and programmes, advocacy, education, training and research that take account of the differing impacts of illicit small arms and light weapons on women, men, girls and boys;

10. *Calls upon* all States to develop appropriate and effective national risk assessment criteria to facilitate the prevention of the use of arms to commit violence against women;

11. *Urges* Member States to voluntarily share good practices and experiences of the successes of the role of women at the national, regional and global levels, in order to promote and strengthen coordination and cooperation in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control;

12. *Requests* the relevant United Nations organs, agencies, funds and programmes to assist States, upon request, in promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control, including in preventing, combating and eradicating the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on ways and means of promoting the role of women in disarmament, non-proliferation

³ [A/77/122](#).

and arms control and to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled “General and complete disarmament”, the sub-item entitled “Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control”.

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