



Media Release:
NATO Summit 2025
Advancing Gender Perspectives in NATO: Leadership, Security, and the Role of Women Organizations
Call for Stronger Integration of Women, Peace and Security Agenda

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At the current fragile global peace and security situation, the NATO member states convene in the Hague to discuss the substantial increase in defense budget.

We call on NATO member states to recognize the unique impact of war on women and to ensure their inclusion in all aspects of peace and security efforts.

As the 2025 NATO Summit opens in the Hague, we underscore continued relevance and importance of the WPS agenda. Now more than ever, NATO must integrate gender perspectives into both military and non military instruments of power in order to understand current warfare tactics.

As director, Sabra Bano, emphasizes:

“Considering the male-dominated governance structure in the most NATO member states it is highly important that The Netherlands together with other like-minded world leaders demonstrates its vigilant leadership in bringing Women CSOs to the peace negotiations, protect women and girls against war atrocities and prevent violence against them. Our joint commitment towards UNSCR Resolution 1325 concerning Women, Peace and Security must continue also in recognizing, respecting and resourcing women and women organisations for their community engagement and brave leadership.”

Integrating a gender lens is the key for Deterrence and Defence.

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