



Minimum Principles of Action Based on Priorities of Women  
from the  
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Observing that the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 calls on the United Nations, U.N. Member States and all factions in conflict and post conflict settings to ensure women's equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security, we women from political and civil society present this list of minimum points for building sustainable peace in Nepal. Join us in our commitment to principles of peace with justice and help make these priorities realities in Nepal.

- Inclusion: Join us in assuring gender, ethnic, tribal, caste, disabled, and religious groups are represented fairly in political, economic, and social decision-making bodies. Specifically recognizing that women are fifty percent of the population, we demand assurance that neither gender receives less than 40% of the representation in government posts and in political party leadership.
- An End to Structural Injustice: Join us in finding ways to address underlying causes of discontent reflected in limited access to economic, educational, health care and other social needs, so people at the grass roots levels cannot be politically manipulated or coerced, and instead feel security and peace, able to freely choose to engage in government or volunteer activities as they wish.
- Justice and Rule of Law: Join us in demanding an end to all impunity and in working for a responsible accounting, under the rule of law now and in design of future transitional justice programs, so the abuse and violence against women by all parties is dealt with fairly.
- Just Political Action: Join us in calling on all the political leaders who made commitments for good governance and peaceful efforts to build a new Nepal, to stick by their words and fulfill their promises, and to assure women share fully in decision making and that all citizens are participating in a nation of lasting peace with justice for all.
- Human Rights: Join us in calling for the realization of these rights by all the people, not only as words in resolutions and agreements, but as living realities.
- Constituent Assembly Elections: Join us in calling on all parties to fix the date and unite so all voices of the people can be heard during the creation of a strong constitution.

These minimum principles were identified by participants of the Women, Peace and Politics – Working for a Just Society VII program, convened by the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego's School for Peace, and are intended for wide distribution among colleagues, communities and leaders in Nepal to reinforce awareness of the need for action by gender-inclusive leadership working for a lasting peace and just governance.