

# Resolution 1325

## Women's Roles In Peace Building

In October 2000, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) unanimously adopted Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security. This pioneering resolution specifically addresses the impact of war on women, and their unique contributions toward conflict prevention, resolution and sustainable peace. The resolution stressed the value of women's equal and full participation as active agents in peace building and security efforts.

IWDA's 'Resolution 1325' project aims to establish a core NGO working group of 15 women to popularise 1325 and highlight the importance of women's roles in peace building.

A manual will be developed and distributed to local women's organizations, and public service announcements on commercial radio will serve to inform the broader community. Fijian governmental understanding of the resolution and its linkages with current commitments to women and decision-making will be addressed and increased.

The exhibition will run at two venues in Melbourne - the Artery in Fitzroy in November and the Sofitel through December and January - and then will travel to Sydney for a week-long exhibition at Sotheby's.

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### Project Objectives:

- a) To develop a core group of women to serve as key advocates of UNSCR 1325 at national and regional level
- b) To popularise 1325 and other international instruments that highlight women's roles in peace building utilizing public service and community radio
- c) To provide a space for dialogue between the Fiji NGO working group on 1325 and key government counterparts and UN agencies to better inform these agencies of women's efforts at national, regional and international level to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325
- d) To develop a TOT (Training of Trainers) manual for Res 1325 and human rights instruments for use by local women's organisations (to be in English).

Despite **contributions by women in the Pacific**, in particular Bougainville, Fiji and the Solomon Islands during these countries recent conflicts, **women remain outside** of the formal decision arena on **peace and security issues**.