

# 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

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## Bibliography & Resource List

Defining the Intersections of Violence Against Women & Militarism

The following list of resources includes books, articles, reports, toolkits, websites, and films that provide information on women's human rights. Readers can use this bibliography to raise awareness of research and advocacy already happening as well as help organizations develop their own knowledge and actions as they plan for the 2010 16 Days Campaign. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of all available materials, and any suggestions you are able to offer regarding additional resources are welcomed.

In this document you will find background resources on violence against women, as well as resources specific to this year's theme, including materials on feminist perspectives on militarism, the consequences of militarization, and women's efforts to roll back militarism and inspire genuine security. If you have any questions or need further assistance finding additional resources, please contact CWGL at [16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu](mailto:16days@cwgl.rutgers.edu).

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## Theme-Specific Resources

### I. A Gendered Analysis of Militarism

Militarism is a distinctive way of looking at the world; it influences how we see our neighbors, our families, our public life, and other people in the world. In this section, you will find resources that discuss why it is important to examine the ideology of militarism from a feminist perspective. These resources also emphasize the importance of self-reflection to examine how our own lives are influenced, both subtly and more obviously, by militarism.

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### 2. Militarized Sexual & Domestic Violence

One consequence of militarism is the use of sexual violence to assert power over others. Militarism tends to privilege a particular form of aggressive masculinity, and thus rape is often used as a tactic of war to drive fear and to humiliate women and their communities. Sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict situations is used to reinforce gendered and political hierarchies. On a different level, intimate partner violence is another form of exerting control – particularly when the abusers experience a decrease in power in other aspects of their lives. Access to small arms, military training, or exposure to intense violence and trauma in conflict situations may exacerbate intimate partner violence. This section lists various resources that address sexual violence and sexual slavery in conflict situations, the role of small arms in domestic violence, domestic violence committed by members of the military, sexual violence within the military, impunity for military personnel in cases of violence against women, violations committed by peace-keeping forces, and violence and abuse of women living and working around military bases.

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### 3. Additional Forms of Violence Before, During and After Conflict

Aside from sexual and domestic violence, women also suffer other forms of gender-specific violence before, during and after conflicts. For example, women may not have access to adequate reproductive health services in times of crisis, and women and LGBT communities may experience a backlash against their sexual rights. Women and girls face specific challenges as combatants, ex-combatants, refugees, and internally displaced persons. In the aftermath of conflicts or military operations, environmental degradation and contamination may have consequences for women's reproductive health or their access to basic services, land and natural resources.

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It is also important to recognize that places not directly experiencing conflict are not exempt from militarism; they send troops, produce and sell weapons, and invest in the militaries of foreign governments rather than supporting development efforts. These governments have chosen to spend huge percentages of their budgets on the military and arms rather than on social services, such as education, health care, job security, and development that would yield real security for women. Militarism and violence are also used to impose political and economic interests and to control the flow of resources and people across the world.

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#### 5. Militarized States and Institutions

Militarized governments may also use force against their own civilians, suspend rule of law in an 'emergency' period or use 'anti-terrorism' laws to suppress pro-democracy movements or to silence human rights defenders. Institutions, such as police forces, aid organizations, religious establishments, media, schools, and the judiciary, can also be militarized so that the lines between military and civilian life are blurred. This section provides resources that address additional expressions of militarization that are often passed off as "security" measures.

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## 6. Women's Role in Dismantling Militarism

Thanks to many decades of advocacy and activism by women's movements and to the passage of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 on Women, Peace & Security ten years ago, women's crucial role in peace negotiations and peace-building is increasingly being recognized. Women have been organizing against war, colonialism, and genocide for centuries, and in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century women from different countries began meeting formally to discuss ways to prevent future wars. This section of resources highlights how women's ongoing activism must continue to challenge accepted notions of a militarized security and emphasize the need for peace, justice and development.

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## 8. Additional Theme-Specific Websites

- Arms Down! Religions for Peace Campaign for Shared Security: <http://www.armsdown.net/>
- CodePINK Women for Peace: <http://www.codepink4peace.org/>
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- Control Arms Campaign: <http://www.controlarms.org>
- femLINKPACIFIC: <http://www.femlinkpacific.org.fj/>
- Gender Action for Peace and Security: <http://www.gaps-uk.org/>
- Global Consortium on Security Transformation: <http://www.securitytransformation.org/>
- Global Network of Women Peacebuilders: <http://www.gnwp.org/>
- Global Peace Index: <http://www.economicsandpeace.org/>
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- NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security: <http://www.womenpeacesecurity.org/>
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- Ruta Pacifica de las Mujeres (Colombia): <http://www.rutapacific.org.co>
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- Small Arms Survey: <http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/>
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- U.S. Military Violence Against Women: <http://usmvaw.com/>
- War Resisters International - <http://www.wri-irg.org/>
- Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition: <http://www.defendingwomen-defendingrights.org/>
- Women in Black: <http://www.womeninblack.org>
- Women in Conflict Zones Network: <http://www.yorku.ca/wicz/about.html>
- Women for Genuine Security: <http://www.genuinesecurity.org/>
- Women for Women International: <http://www.womenforwomen.org/>
- Women PeaceMakers Program of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice: [http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/programs/women\\_peace\\_makers/](http://www.sandiego.edu/peacestudies/ipj/programs/women_peace_makers/)
- Women Waging Peace: [http://www.huntalternatives.org/pages/82\\_women\\_waging\\_peace\\_network.cfm](http://www.huntalternatives.org/pages/82_women_waging_peace_network.cfm)
- Women, War, Peace.org: <http://www.womenwarpeace.org>
- Women's Actions for New Directions: [www.wand.org](http://www.wand.org)
- Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice: <http://www.iccwomen.org/>
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- Women's Refugee Commission: <http://womensrefugeecommission.org/>

## Important International Declarations and Conventions

Below is a list of links to the Web sites of key United Nations documents concerning violence against women, including a brief description of each.<sup>1</sup> These are presented chronologically, and reveal a trend in UN and regional attention to violence against women. [Check](#) to see if your country is a signatory to the various UN conventions and declarations, and use them as tools to ensure that your government is upholding the commitments it has made.

### 1979 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

CEDAW is recognized as one of the six major international treaties. General Recommendation 19 (1992) makes clear the obligation of state signatories to end gender-based violence.

<http://www.unhchr.ch/tbs/doc.nsf/0/300395546e0dec52c12563ee0063dc9d?Opendocument>

### 1993 Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

A major victory for activists, The UN World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna formally recognized that women's rights are human rights.

[http://www.unhchr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/\(Symbol\)/A.CONF.157.23.En?OpenDocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/(Symbol)/A.CONF.157.23.En?OpenDocument)

### 1993 Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (DEVAW)

DEVAW defined violence against women, linked it to human rights, and called on governments to take specific steps to eliminate it.

[http://www.unhchr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/\(Symbol\)/A.RES.48.104.En?Opendocument](http://www.unhchr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/(Symbol)/A.RES.48.104.En?Opendocument)

### 1994 Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women (Convention of Belém do Pará)

Belém do Pará was a convention amongst the nations of the Americas region that recognized violence against women as a human rights violation and called on states to act to prevent, punish and eradicate it.

<http://www.oas.org/cim/english/convention%20violence%20against%20women.htm>

### 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action

The ICPD Programme of Action called the elimination of violence against women a cornerstone of population and development programmes.

<http://www.un.org/ecosocdev/geninfo/populatin/icpd.htm>

### 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

"Violence against women is an obstacle to equality, development and peace. Violence against women both violates and impairs or nullifies the enjoyment by women of their human rights and fundamental freedoms." The Beijing Platform of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women set out several key objectives for governments to focus on to address violence against women.

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/index.html>

### 1999 Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

The Optional Protocol to CEDAW (1999) allows individuals and groups to bring petitions on violations of the Convention before the CEDAW Committee.

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/current.htm>

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<sup>1</sup> Some descriptions adapted from UNIFEM. (2003). *Not a Minute More: Ending Violence Against Women*, p. 21.

**1999 Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**

*On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, this Declaration was a collective effort by a number of human rights non-governmental organizations and some State delegations. The Declaration is addressed not just to States and to human rights defenders, but to everyone.*

[http://www.unhcr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/\(Symbol\)/A.RES.53.144.En](http://www.unhcr.ch/huridocda/huridoca.nsf/(Symbol)/A.RES.53.144.En)

**2000 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime**

*Includes a Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.*

[http://www.uncjin.org/Documents/Conventions/dcatoc/final\\_documents\\_2/convention\\_%20traff\\_eng.pdf](http://www.uncjin.org/Documents/Conventions/dcatoc/final_documents_2/convention_%20traff_eng.pdf)

**2000 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security**

*Security Council Resolution 1325 addresses violence against women during conflict and recognizes the importance of women's role in peace-building.*

[http://www.un.org/events/res\\_1325e.pdf](http://www.un.org/events/res_1325e.pdf)

**2000 Millennium Declaration**

*In this historic agreement, state parties to the Millennium Declaration pledged to combat violence against women and implement CEDAW to promote democracy and strengthen the rule of law, and strengthen respect for human rights.*

<http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm>

**2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS**

*The Declaration of Commitment recognized the elimination of violence against women as key to the reduction of women's vulnerability to HIV/AIDS and set time-bound targets for nations to address HIV/AIDS-related issues.*

<http://www.un.org/ga/aids/docs/aress262.pdf>

**2002 Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**

*The Rome Statute includes rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, forced pregnancy, forced sterilization, and other forms of sexual violence in its definitions of "crimes against humanity" and "war crimes."*

<http://www.un.org/law/icc/>

**2002 Council of Europe Recommendation Rec(2002)5 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the protection of women against violence**

*The Council of Europe Recommendations reaffirm the commitment of member states to eliminating violence against women and set out a series of measures that member states must take to fulfill their obligation to ending all forms of violence against women.*

<https://wcd.coe.int/ViewDoc.jsp?id=280915&Lang=en>

**2003 Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa**

*The Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa was adopted in 2003 and came into force on the 25th of November, 2005 after the necessary fifteen countries ratified it and made it into law. This protocol is a milestone in the protection and promotion of women's rights in African countries.*

[http://www.achpr.org/english/\\_info/women\\_en.html](http://www.achpr.org/english/_info/women_en.html)

**2005 United Nations Commission on Human Rights Resolution on Violence Against Women**

*The resolution addresses the impact of violence as a cause and consequence of HIV/AIDS, the need for women to have autonomy over their sexuality and control over matters related to their reproductive health and choices, and the need for the criminalization of marital rape. Available from the DAW website on the "Work of the Human Rights Council (2006 – present) and the Commission on Human Rights (until 2006)" regarding Violence Against Women.*

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/v-hrc.htm>

## **2005 United Nations World Summit**

States agreed to continue efforts to eradicate violence against women including addressing impunity for violence against women in situations of armed conflict.

[http://www.un.org/ga/59/hl60\\_plenarymeeting.html](http://www.un.org/ga/59/hl60_plenarymeeting.html)

## **2008 United Nations Security Council Resolution 1820 on Sexual Violence in Conflict**

Security Council Resolution 1820 explicitly names sexual violence as a tactic of war and a grave security issue that has serious implications for peace and reconciliation. SCR 1820 complements SCR 1325 on women, peace, and security, and establishes UN procedures to monitor sexual violence in conflict.

[http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/unsc\\_resolutions08.htm](http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/unsc_resolutions08.htm)

## **2009 United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1888 & 1889 on Women, Peace and Security**

Security Council Resolution 1888 strengthens the mechanisms in place to respond to sexual violence against civilians in conflict, including the appointment of a Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict. Margot Wallström of Sweden was appointed to fill this position in February 2010. Security Council Resolution 1889 urges further consideration of the impact of armed conflict on women and girls, the need for gender-mainstreaming in post-conflict peacebuilding, the appointment of gender advisors to UN Missions to provide technical assistance, and the importance of country-level data collection on the specific needs of women and girls in post-conflict situations.

[http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/unsc\\_resolutions09.htm](http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/unsc_resolutions09.htm)

## **2010 United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution on Violence Against Women**

This general resolution on violence against women was adopted by consensus at the 14th Human Rights Council session (June 2010), and includes a call for States to exercise due diligence to prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish the perpetrators of violence against women and girls and provide protection to victims of violence.

[http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/alldocs.aspx?doc\\_id=17300](http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/alldocs.aspx?doc_id=17300)

## **2010 United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/289 to Establish UN Women**

In an historic move, the United Nations General Assembly voted unanimously on 2 July 2010 to create a new entity to accelerate progress in meeting the needs of women and girls worldwide. This new entity will merge the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI), and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

[http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/289](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/RES/64/289) or <http://www.unwomen.org/>

## **Other Current United Nations Initiatives or Reports on Violence Against Women**

### **2006 Secretary-General's In-depth Study on Violence Against Women**

A 2003 General Assembly resolution mandated the Secretary-General to prepare an in-depth study on violence against women. The Division for the Advancement of Women prepared the study with the participation of various NGOs and networks. The study includes an extensive recommendations section.

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/SGstudyvaw.htm>

### **Secretary General's "UNite to End Violence Against Women" Campaign**

During the 2008 Commission on the Status of Women, Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon launched a UN-wide campaign to end all forms of violence against women. He pledged to keep women's human rights central to the work of the UN and called on male leaders around the world to be ambassadors for this cause.

<http://endviolence.un.org/>

### **Stop Rape NOW: UN Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict**

The goal of UN Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict is to coordinate efforts by the UN system to improve coordination and accountability, amplify programming and advocacy, and support national efforts to prevent sexual violence in conflict and respond effectively to the needs of survivors.

<http://www.stoprapenow.org/>

### **The UN Secretary-General's Database on Violence Against Women**

This online resource was launched in March 2009 in response to the UN General Assembly's comprehensive resolution calling for an intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women. The database contains information from governments about the impact and effectiveness of policies and programs to combat violence against women and about the extent, nature, and consequences of all forms of violence against women.

[www.un.org/esa/vawdatabase/](http://www.un.org/esa/vawdatabase/)

### **Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, its causes and consequences**

This independent expert position was established in 1994 by the UN Commission on Human Rights to examine, report on, and make recommendations concerning violence against women. All rapporteur reports are available at the following website:

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/women/rapporteur/>

### **UNIFEM Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women**

Say NO – UNiTE to End Violence against Women is a global call for action, launched in November 2009, on ending violence against women and girls. Say NO aims to trigger and highlight actions by individuals, governments and civil society partners. Every action will be counted to showcase the global groundswell of engagement that exists on the issue.

<http://www.saynotoviolence.org/>

### **UNIFEM Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women**

The Trust Fund was established in 1996 by a General Assembly Resolution to identify and support local, national, regional and international initiatives to prevent and eliminate violence against women.

[http://www.unifem.org/gender\\_issues/violence\\_against\\_women/trust\\_fund.php](http://www.unifem.org/gender_issues/violence_against_women/trust_fund.php)

### **The Virtual Knowledge Center to End Violence Against Women and Girls**

This online resource provides programming information on various issues related to violence against women, including overviews of key concepts, strategies, suggestions for program design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation tools, and references. The website is still under development, but program modules on Legislation, Men & Boys, and Safe Cities are available.

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## **Understanding Violence Against Women as a Human Rights Violation**

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## Additional Resource Websites

- Amnesty International – Stop Violence Against Women Campaign: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/campaigns/stop-violence-against-women>
- Center for Women’s Global Leadership: <http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/index.html>
- Communication Initiative Network: <http://www.comminit.com>
- End Violence Against Women: Information and Resources: <http://www.endvaw.org>
- Family Violence Prevention Fund: <http://endabuse.org>
- FEMNET – The African Women’s Development and Communication Network: <http://www.femnet.or.ke>
- Gender Based Violence Prevention Network: <http://www.preventgbvafrica.org/>
- Global Campaign to Stop Killing and Stoning Women: <http://www.stop-stoning.org/>
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- Global Women’s Activism: Selected Sites:  
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- Hot Peach Pages: <http://www.hotpeachpages.net>
- International Center for Research on Women: <http://www.icrw.org>
- Isis International (in Spanish): <http://www.isis.cl>
- Isis Women’s International Cross-Cultural Exchange (ISIS WICCE): <http://www.isis.or.ug/index.php>
- Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights: Stop Violence Against Women Web site: <http://www.stopvaw.org>
- Promundo: <http://www.promundo.org.br/>
- La Red Feminista Latinoamericana y del Caribe contra la Violencia Doméstica y Sexual: <http://www.redfem.net>
- Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y el Caribe: <http://www.reddesalud.org/>
- Take Back the Tech! <http://www.takebackthetech.net/>
- Toolkit to End Violence Against Women: <http://toolkit.ncjrs.org>
- University of Minnesota Human Rights Library: <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts>
- Women Against Violence Europe (WAVE): <http://www.wave-network.org/start.asp>
- Women Won’t Wait: End HIV and Violence Against Women Now: <http://www.womenwontwait.org/>
- World Health Organization (WHO) – Department of Gender and Women’s Health: <http://www.who.int/gender/en>
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