

Informal Summary

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High-Level Segment

Special policy dialogue on “*The role of women in countries in special situations*”

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panel of international experts to critically examine the impact of the current crises, ranging from climate change and natural disasters to conflict and economic downturn, on women in countries in special situation - such as in Africa, least d

Ms. Leymah Gbowee, Executive Director, Women in Peace and Security Network Africa, welcomed the important progress made in the formal recognition of women's rights through various international and regional instruments. She also pointed out that the implementation of these declarations has not yet translated into women's greater participation in post-conflict processes and prioritization of women's issues. Many countries have yet to achieve the target of 30 per cent of women parliamentarians, which is the first step to resolve women's problems. Limited access to security, justice and education is ofte

gender perspectives in appeals and planning tools related to disaster preparedness, responses and post-crisis reconstruction and peace-building are critical steps in the right direction. All humanitarian actors must be held accountable to ensure that the different needs of women and men, girls and boys, are taken into account in the design, imp

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