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The Summit of the Future provides a unique opportunity to address and improve our ability to respond to the critical challenges facing the international community both now, and in the future. At SecurityWomen, we stress that it is of vital importance that the Pact of the Future addresses, upholds, and renews, commitments which ensure women's 'full and effective participation and access to equal opportunities' within the field of peace and security, both nationally and internationally.

The three pillars of the United Nations – peace and security, human rights, and development – are interlinked and mutually reinforcing. Thus, while increasing women's participation is essential for the maintenance of international peace and security, it is also crucial for the effective realisation of human rights, and the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Any goals held by the international community - be that the eradication of poverty, the prevention of environmental degradation or the upholding of human rights - need to encompass progress towards a more peaceful world in which gender equality is an essential component.

In the Declaration on the commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations, states outlined their commitment to place women and girls at the centre, recognising that without equality we are deprived of a just and better world.

Similarly, in the Political Declaration following the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, states recognised that the achievement of full human potential and sustainable development will not be possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied full human rights and opportunities.

We recommend that the Pact for the Future must extend these commitments to increase



Women's participation in peacekeeping and peace talks is linked to increased stability and longer-lasting peace, yet women remain regularly excluded from peace processes and face entrenched barriers [to participation](#). Commitments by the international community to recruit more women into military, police and peacekeeping forces will contribute significantly to creating a more peaceful world.

As the Women, Peace and Security Agenda nears its 25th Anniversary, it is more important now, than ever, to implement the Security Council Resolutions and increase the participation of women in the security sector. Without long-lasting peace and inclusive security sector forces, sustainable development cannot occur.

Member States must:

1. Prepare, finance, and implement, National Actions Plans focused on the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, with a focus on efforts to increase the participation of women in security sector forces and at all levels of decision-making to 50%.
2. Ensure the implementation of U N Security Council Resolution 1325, and all following resolutions within the Women, Peace and Security agenda, including UNSCR 2538.
3. Fully engage with the United Nation's Uniformed Gender Parity Strategy and abide by commitments to increase the participation of women in international peacekeeping.
4. Take action to increase the recruitment of women into national security forces, eliminating any barriers that prevent their meaningful participation.



In the Secretary General's Policy Brief entitled: UN 2.0, it is recognised that a crucial aspect of UN reform is the fostering of a forward-thinking culture which prioritises gender equality.