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**Transformative Approaches in a Time of Pandemic:  
State Support to Promote Women's Participation in Peacebuilding**

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- I would like to thank Ambassador Eneström and the IPI for this invitation and discussion on such an important issue.
- This session is an opportunity to share good practices in the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda, in particular facing new challenges as the pandemic, in order to take effective actions that guarantee the participation and leadership of women in peace building and peacekeeping processes.
- Colombia has been an example in the implementation of Resolution 1325. The 2016 agreement took into account the active and important participation of women. In the negotiation stage, women were present at the conversations table and were part of the negotiating team.
- Also, the work of the gender subcommittee during that stage, allowed the parties to include a gender approach all through the 2016 Agreement.
- In that sense, Colombia remains committed to guaranteeing the participation of women in the implementation of the peace agenda.



- The participation of women will help us to achieve the transformations that the policy *Peace with Legality* proposes to offer women, particularly rural women, better living conditions translated into their empowerment and economic autonomy, as well as in the generation of work spaces in dignified and equal conditions, which break the cycles of violence that violate women's rights.
- For Colombia, the COVID-19 pandemic is not only a public health emergency, it also has impacts on the world economy, affecting the more vulnerable, including women.
- We have made enormous efforts to foster social cohesion and resilience. Empowering local communities in all sectors by effectively supporting initiatives from women, youth, ex-combatants, and other key actors will also allow us to come up with groundbreaking ideas that present solutions to the crisis and maintain the economy flowing.
- In order to face the socio economic challenges faced by women peace builders, the action of the international community is very important. Therefore, we need to reach a global consensus with international financial institutions to increase resources to alleviate the payment of debt of emerging countries and contribute to their development.
- The Colombian Government and the United Nations have been working to assure the implementation of the 2016 Agreement without losing perspective of the pandemic.



- For example, to promote the economic sustainability of people in process of reintegration, productive projects involve people from different groups, and the active participation of the “*Gender Group*” created by the agreement, is taken into account during the implementation of this projects.
- Additionally, productive projects that are consider, must have in their formulation structure the social component, which encompasses the gender approach aimed at: (i) Identifying the number of female participants (ii) Promoting and guaranteeing the participation of women in the productive project. (iii) Recognizing the productive role of women.
- The incorporation of the gender perspective in the economic reintegration is decisive for achieving equality between men and women. It implies the adoption of measures to meet the specific needs and priorities of women, eliminating possible barriers and disadvantages, as in some cases it is due to racial ethnicity, age, disability, socioeconomic conditions, among others.
- Regarding gender-based violence in the context of the pandemic, the Government has been working to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on women's rights, including specific guidelines to prevent and address such violence. We need to analyze the identified cases of violence, with the aim of strengthening actions to prevent and address these situations.
- On the other hand, it should be noted that the health emergency caused by the COVID-19 has not affected the operation of the



*groups* of impulse, articulation and monitoring of the implementation of the gender approach of the 2016 Agreement.

- In particular, the High Gender Instance of Government was convened by the Presidential Advisor for Stabilization and Consolidation and by the Presidential Advisor for Women's Equity and met in April. In this meeting, the Vice President of the Republic and the Presidential Advisor for Women's Equity provided specific guidelines and orientations for the adoption of measures to counter the effects of COVID-19.
- The Office of the Presidential Advisor for Stabilization with the Presidential Advisor for Women's Equality continued to carry out their work of accompaniment and technical assistance to the entities responsible for the implementation of the 51 gender indicators of the Framework Implementation Plan of the Agreement. From April 1 to June 30, 2020, 21 meetings were held.
- During the second quarter of 2020, the *Special Group (Instance) of Women* created by the Agreement and composed by women leaders from civil society, met four times with the Office of the Presidential Advisor for Stabilization and Consolidation and participated in the first session of the Government's High Instance on Gender. These meetings allowed the *Special Group (Instance) of Women* to continue with its functions of monitoring the implementation of the gender focus of the FIPlan, despite the health emergency.



- Since the beginning of the pandemic and considering that in confinement contexts the rates of violence against women could increase, the Government designed a toolbox for attention during the health emergency of COVID 19. This includes a chapter with resources for the prevention and attention to situations of domestic and gender violence.
- We have now attention and prevention committees of an *Articulating Mechanism* for addressing gender-based violence, led by the Ministry of Health which consists in an inter-institutional space for the construction of protocols and routes to prevent and achieve comprehensive attention against all forms of violence suffered by women.
- We believe that the implementation of our *Peace with Legality* policy can be one of the benchmarks for the implementation of Resolution 1325, in a way that contributes to the achievement of tangible results; the realization of projects and the development of joint initiatives.
- These years have shown us that committed work brings significant progress and tangible results that positively impact the realities of women, but they are not enough.

Many thanks