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Women, Peace and Security: What progress since UN Security Council Resolution 1325?

Tuesday 24 October at 6.30pm

Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House

(Dr Roberta Blackman-Woods MP)

Speakers

Joan Ruddock MP

Chair, Associated Parliamentary Group on SCR 1325

Dr Shatha Beserani

Founder, Iraqi Women for Peace and Democracy Campaign

UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security called for women's equal participation with men in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security. It recognised the disproportionate affect of conflict on women and underlined the essential role of women in the prevention of conflict and as full participants in post-conflict peace-building and reconstruction efforts. Kofi Annan urged Member States to develop National Action Plans and on International Women's Day, 8 March 2006, the UK launched its 12 point plan covering support to the UN; training and policy within HMG; gender justice including gender-based violence; disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration; and working with NGOs. Our two speakers have striven hard to promote SCR1325 and will review initiatives to promote it, both in the UK and worldwide.

Joan Ruddock MP set up the UK Women's Link with Afghan Women in 2001 to campaign for the restoration of Afghan women's human rights and their full participation in the future governance of Afghanistan. Earlier this year, she established a new Associated Parliamentary Group on Women, Peace and Security (UN SCR1325) which she now chairs.

Dr Shatha Beserani, an exiled Iraqi doctor living in London, founded the Iraqi Women for Peace and Democracy Campaign in 2000 and is an authority on developments in Iraq.

The Annual General Meeting will start at 6.30pm, after the all-day parliamentary lobby which will have been held in the same room. The meeting on Women, Peace and Security will follow on. We urge all members to attend and we welcome nominations for the posts of Officers and Committee members. Please leave time for the security process at Portcullis House which faces Big Ben in Bridge Street. You must enter by Victoria Embankment.

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