

To: NATO Secretary General  
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NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security  
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NATO Gender Task Force members  
Executive Committee of the NATO Committee on Gender Perspectives

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### **Independent NATO Civil Society Advisory Panel on Women, Peace and Security**

We were delighted to come together for the first meeting of the NATO Civil Society Advisory Panel (CSAP) on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016. As you are aware, the Panel consists of civil society experts from across NATO member and partner countries, including Women, Peace and Security and gender equality experts, peace and women's rights activists, academics, peacebuilding and human security practitioners and community leaders. We would like to thank NATO, its members and partners for their support to the CSAP and look forward to working with you as our independent Panel develops. We hope that the CSAP can contribute both as a critical partner for technical advice and as an accountability mechanism on Women, Peace and Security.

In the coming eight months, the CSAP will focus on preparing for the upcoming review of NATO's Policy and Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security. We have agreed to take forward the following activities ahead of our next meeting scheduled for May 2017:

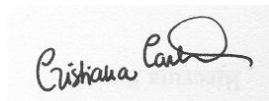
- Outline NATO policy issues to which the CSAP could contribute expertise.
- Assess the quality of the baseline data pertinent to NATO's Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and identify possible impact indicators.
- Develop recommendations as to issues that the upcoming review of NATO's Policy and Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security should focus on.
- Support the development and methodologies of the Terms of Reference for NATO's external review of its Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.
- Review evidence of the impact of NATO's training on gender and Women, Peace and Security.
- Produce summaries of best practice and areas where improvements are required on NATO's engagement with civil society organisations, particularly women's rights organisations.

We hope to work closely with you and your colleagues across NATO, its members and partners and would like to take this opportunity to encourage you all to engage with the CSAP as we take the work of the Panel forward.

As this is NATO's first ever civil society panel, this is a learning exercise for us all. We hope that, in conjunction with NATO, we can learn from and build on the CSAP's work and successes together with you.

We hope to see you at or in the margins of our meeting in May 2017. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the Panel (via the CSAP Chair - [Cristiana.carletti@uniroma3.it](mailto:Cristiana.carletti@uniroma3.it)).

Yours sincerely,



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