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Kateryna LEVCHENKO
Government Commissioner for Gender Policy

Dear Ms. Kateryna,

We sincerely thank you for your response to our appeal and for confirming the relevance of involving women in peace negotiations — in accordance with international standards, particularly UN Security Council Resolution 1325, as well as Ukraine's national policy on ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and men.

In international practice, peace processes are increasingly implemented through a **multi-track approach**, which includes four primary tracks:

- **Track 1** – official diplomacy between government and military representatives (ceasefire negotiations, peace agreements);
- **Track 1.5** – informal interactions between conflict parties and non-governmental experts;
- **Track 2** – unofficial sessions, workshops, dialogues involving influential civil society representatives;
- **Track 3** – grassroots-level community dialogue initiatives.

One of the goals of **Track 2** is to influence **Track 1** – both through an “*upward movement*” of ideas to official negotiation tables, and through “*outward movement*” into the space of public discourse and practical change at the community level. Thus, the inclusion of women in **Tracks 1.5 and 2** is a powerful resource for building sustainable peace.

With this in mind, please find our response to your questions:

Potential pool of experts:

We are ready to provide a list of specific candidates after the state outlines the particular peace processes in question and their respective levels. The potential pool of experts may include representatives of:

- National and regional **1325 Coalitions**;
- Peacebuilding networks such as (МОЖУ – Мир об’єднує жінок України) ICAN– **Peace United Women of Ukraine**;
- The **Feminist People’s Diplomacy** working group;
- Experts who have completed specialized training in mediation and peacebuilding (including at the **Clingendael Institute of International Relations** and through the “**21st Century Mediation**” initiative);
- Other qualified women with experience in negotiations, facilitation, advocacy, and conflict resolution.

Definition of peace processes:

Peace negotiations fall under the competence of the state. It is the state that defines the format, level, and scope of such processes. At the same time, we are ready to contribute to the development of an appropriate mechanism to ensure gender-balanced participation across all relevant tracks — through the creation of a working group, agenda preparation, technical facilitation, and more.

We possess both the expertise and institutional capacity to support such processes, having participated in the “**21st Century Mediation**” initiative, received training at Clingendael, and contributed to the development and monitoring of Ukraine’s National Action Plans under Resolution 1325.

We firmly believe that together we can ensure the meaningful participation of Ukrainian women in the processes of building a just and lasting peace.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anastasiia Nenka'.

Anastasiia Nenka

Director, Women’s Information Consultative Center (WICC)