

Lists of Activities of HSN Countries

Austria

Women, Peace and Security:

- **September 2005:** Austrian Foreign Minister Plassnik together with other 13 female Foreign Ministers sent a letter to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan highlighting importance of gender expertise in the new Peace Building Commission.
- **Since January 2006:** during Austrian EU Presidency, Austria initiated first steps to implement UNSC Resolution 1325 in crisis-management operations of the EU – distribution and analysis of a Questionnaire, establishing status quo of implementation.

Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC):

- **December 2005:** Contributed to evaluation of implementation of EU Guideline on Children and Armed Conflict
- **Since January 2006:** during Austrian EU Presidency, Austria developed Implementation Strategy and Checklist for the EU Guideline on CAAC for ESDP operations.
- **During last months:** active lobbying at Security Council in New York for implementation of UNSC Resolution 1612 monitoring mechanism for CAAC.

Human Rights Education:

- **May 2006:** Financial support by the Austrian Foreign Ministry and Austrian Development Agency for second edition of ETC human rights manual in English language and various train-the-trainer workshops with the Manual in South-East European region.
- **May 2006:** Human Rights Education was one of the main themes of the last round of the EU-China human rights dialogue held in Vienna.

Trafficking:

- **October 2005:** Contribution to Thai initiative for HSN Panel Discussion on Human Trafficking, co-organized with UNODC in Vienna, with Austrian panellist, Mrs. Helga Konrad, Special Representative on Trafficking in Human Beings of OSCE.

Landmines:

- **November 2005:** Organisation of 6th Meeting of State Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty under Austrian Chairmanship with adoption of Zagreb Progress Report on status of implementation of the Nairobi Action Plan.
- **During last months:** in its capacity as President of the EU, Austria has made worldwide demarches in all non-state party countries to lobby for accession to the Mine Ban Convention.

Canada

- In the past year Canada successfully advocated for the adoption of “responsibility to protect” in the 2005 Summit Outcome Document. This consensus was further endorsed by the Security Council this past April, in resolution 1674 on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict. Post Summit, Canada has focused its efforts regionally. Canadian and Malian Ambassadors in Addis have met together with AU senior officials to discuss R2P in the context of the AU. Canada also sponsored a High Level Symposium on R2P in Addis in March 2006, attended by Mali and South Africa, among others.
- Canada drafted and delivered a statement on behalf of the Human Security Network to the UN Security Council on October 27, 2005 – the occasion of the 5th anniversary of Resolution 1325 – focusing on women’s participation in peace processes.
- Canada has begun developing its National Action Plan (NAP) on the Implementation of Resolution 1325. This process was launched in consultation with Canadian civil society at our Third Annual Women, Peace and Security Symposium.
- Canada is currently drafting an HSN statement for the upcoming UN SALW Review Conference to be delivered by the Slovenian Chair that will advocate for a more human-centred approach in the UN Programme of Action.
- Canada will be hosting a Symposium on children and Armed Conflict in partnership with Watchlist, in New York in mid July. The purpose of this event is to review progress on UNSC Resolution 1612 one year on and to look at how to move forward with the monitoring and reporting mechanism in advance of the July 17 SC Open Debate.
- Canada will be hosting a networking luncheon on the margins of the World Urban Forum June 19-23 to discuss Human Security and Cities to which HSN and other interested countries as well as civil society groups are invited.

Greece

People - Centred Development & Trafficking in Human Being:

- **July 2005:** During the Greek Presidency of the UN Security Council, People –centred development was highlighted as one of the priorities.
- **March 2006:** Greece coordinated a public awareness campaign on freedom to live in dignity with special emphasis on HIV/AIDS.
- **2006:** Greece sponsors a project, in cooperation with OSCE, IOM and the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe – Thessalonica Office, to streamline the legal framework in five source countries of THB victims.
- **2005-2006:** The Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe – Thessalonica Office, hosted two international workshops to combat trans-border organized crime and THB.
- **February 2006:** Greece signed an agreement with Albania on the humanitarian repatriation and social reintegration of unaccompanied minors, victims of THB.
- **April 2006:** Greece cooperates with USAID and UNICEF on the Transnational Action against Child Trafficking.

- **February 2006:** Greece, in cooperation with the World Bank and other international donors, coordinated a joint partnership with leading members of the international business community to raise awareness of corporate social responsibility against Trafficking in Human Being.

Ireland

Women Peace and Security:

- **November 2005:** The Irish government, along with a number of Irish human rights and development NGOs, prepared a report on gender based violence that was launched in November 2005. The report focussed on how best to develop an institutional capacity to respond to the problem.

Mali

- **From May 2005 to May 2006:** Mali was a member of the organizational committee for the Francophonie Ministerial in Saint-Boniface, Canada on Conflict Prevention and Human Security.
- **Since December 2005:** Mali has been contributing to the elaboration of a UNESCO publication on Human Security.
- **In March 2006:** Mali supported the OECD, in partnership with CEDEAO, in the organisation of a regional workshop in Lome, Togo on Human Security in West Africa - focussing on the issues, challenges and perspectives of the concept.
- **In June 2006:** Mali participated in a meeting of CEDEAO Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Bamako on the Moratorium on the Convention on Small Arms and Light Weapons project.

Norway

Human Right Council:

- With the view to facilitate the process leading up to the first session of the Human Rights Council, Norway, in partnership with India, South Africa, Chile and the Russian Federation convened a meeting in Geneva to allow for cross-regional discussion of modalities.

Children and Armed Conflicts:

- To enhance our focus on children's rights, a senior ambassador for children's affairs has been appointed. The ambassador is leading the work on a strategy with two main focus areas: protection of children in armed conflict, and prevention of violence against children.

HIV/AIDS:

- To make our efforts in combating HIV/Aids more effective, Norway appointed an AIDS ambassador and increased our financial contributions at global and country level.

Women, Peace and Security:

- A National Action plan for the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325 was presented in March 2006. The Action plan was recently translated in to English.

Landmines:

- Norway will arrange a workshop on mine action assistance and mine clearing efforts in July this year. The results from the workshop will be presented at the Meeting of the State Parties in September.

Slovenia

- Slovenia has been since 2006 co-chairing, together with Jordan, the Standing Committee on Mine Clearance, Mine Risk Education and Mine Action Technologies in the framework of Ottawa Convention.
- The International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF), established by the Slovenian Government in 1998, continued its work in the field of demining in South Eastern Europe.
- On the 6th Meeting of the Mine Ban Treaty in November 2005 in Zagreb Slovenia presented, together with Geneva International Center for Humanitarian Demining, the study "Regional Cooperation in Mine Action: the Case of South-East Europe."
- Slovenia continued, together with the Foundation Together which was established by the Slovenian Government with the aim to protect and improve the psychosocial well-being of children in post-conflict societies, the project of educating teachers in Iraq to work with children affected by the armed conflicts.

Switzerland

Human Rights Council

- Switzerland held three Workshops in Lausanne on the Human Rights Council in Summer and Winter 2005, as well as in Spring 2006.
- Switzerland prepared a letter on behalf of the "Group of Friends" dated 16 November 2005, to the Co-Chairs on the Human Rights Council presenting the views of the HSN on the option paper concerning the Council.

Responsibility to Protect

- Switzerland supported a workshop organized by PSIS (HEI) 'From Rights to Responsibilities', in which issue pertaining to the implementation the responsibility to protect from a legal, political and ethical were discussed.

Women Peace and Security

- Switzerland has begun developing its National Action Plan (NAP) on the implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325.

- Swiss Foreign Minister Calmy-Rey together with other 13 women Foreign Ministers sent a letter to the UN Secretary General Kofi Annan highlighting the importance of gender expertise in the new Peace Building Commission.

Human Security Report

- In December 2005, Switzerland hosted the launch of the Human Security Report in Geneva and Bern.

Protection of Civilians

- Switzerland launched jointly with UNOCHA the 'Practitioners'' Handbook on Humanitarian Negotiations with Armed Groups' in Spring 2006 in New York, Geneva and Bern.

Small Arms and Light Weapons

- Switzerland successfully concluded its Presidency of the Informal Working Group on the Marking and Tracing of Small Arms and Lights Weapons in Autumn 2005.

Thailand

- **July 2005:** Organized an *HSN Workshop on HIV and AIDS* in Geneva on 25 July 2005 which underlined a major threat that HIV/AIDS posed to human security. The Workshop recommended guidelines for cooperation which was later adopted by HSN ministers in New York in September 2005.
- **September 2005:**
 - Hosted the first *HSN Senior Official Meeting* under Thai chairmanship in New York on 12 September 2005.
 - Hosted the *HSN informal Ministerial Lunch* on 18 September 2005 at the margins of the 60th Session of UNGA.
 - Organized an *informal HSN consultation* to exchange views on the *Human Rights Council (HRC)* in Geneva on 25 September 2005.
- **October 2005:**
 - Co-organized with UNODC an *HSN Panel Discussion on Human Trafficking* in Vienna on 17 October 2005. The workshop underlined the need for international cooperation to tackle this transnational threat to human security.
 - Cooperated with Canada in the drafting of the *HSN Joint Statement delivered at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security* on 27 October 2005 in New York.
- **November 2005:** Co-signed Switzerland's prepared letter on behalf of the "Group of Friends" dated 16 November 2005 to the Co-Chairs on the *Human Rights Council* presenting the HSN views on the option paper concerning the Council.
- **February 2006:**
 - Organized an informal HSN Meeting to exchange views on the *impact of trade rules to access to HIV/AIDS drugs* in Geneva on 20 February 2005.

- Hosted the **2nd HSN Senior Officials Meeting** from 27-28 February 2006 in Bangkok. A field trip was arranged for the delegates to visit a shelter for the women and girl victims of human trafficking and Thai Mine Action Center.
- **April 2006:** Organized an informal HSN working lunch in Geneva on 5 April 2006 to exchange views on *the prospects and implications of the Human Rights Council (HRC)*.
- **May 2006:** Co-organized with HSN the “*HSN International Symposium on Building and Synergizing Partnership for Global Human Security and Development*” at Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok, during 30-31 May 2006.
- **June 2006:** Hosted the **3rd HSN Senior Officials Meeting** and the **8th HSN Ministerial Meeting** at Dusit Thani Hotel, Bangkok, on 31 May and 1-2 June 2006 respectively.

In addition to activities under the HSN framework, some other initiatives undertaken by Thailand to promote human security include, for example

Human Rights Education

- Translated into Thai the ***HSN Manual on Human Rights Education*** which was commissioned by Austria during its Chairmanship of the Network. A workshop will also be organized to train potential users.

APEC Human Security Seminar

- Thailand co-hosted with Japan in organizing the ***APEC Human Security Seminar: Implementation of the Human Security Related Mandate from Leaders and Ministers*** on 6 October 2005 in Tokyo. The aim was to chart an integrated approach to find a balance between trade and investment liberalization, and enhancing human security of the peoples in the region.

HIV/AIDS Workshops in Africa

- Thailand, in cooperation with UNDP, organized 2 workshops on ***Comprehensive Response on HIV/AIDS Preventive and Care*** in Nairobi, Kenya in June 2005 and in Gaborone, Botswana in November 2005. The aim of the workshops was to stress the danger of HIV/AIDS as a threat to human security and to enhance partnership in preventing and combating HIV/AIDS. The Workshops were both well attended by government officials and advocates from 19 African countries who are working on the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Voluntary Briefing at the ARF ISG on CBMS and PD

- Thailand gave a voluntary briefing on Human Security and the Human Security Network at the ASEAN Regional Forum Inter-Sessional Support Group on Confidence-building Measures and Preventive Diplomacy (ARF ISG on CBMs and PD) which was held from 1-3 March 2006 in Manila.
