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**Celebrating UN Security Council Resolution 1325**  
*Inclusive Security marks 7th anniversary with Capitol Hill reception*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – [The Initiative for Inclusive Security](#) will showcase its work in Afghanistan, Colombia, Liberia, Rwanda and Sudan at a Capitol Hill event Tuesday celebrating the anniversary of the passage of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution 1325. Members of the media are invited to attend the reception.

UNSC Resolution 1325, which passed in October 2000, acknowledges the key role women play in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peace building and stresses the importance of women's participation in peace processes.

“UN Security Council Resolution 1325 is a critical acknowledgement that women must be included in all efforts to promote peace,” said [Swanee Hunt](#), chair of Inclusive Security. “In Afghanistan, Liberia, and elsewhere, I have seen firsthand how women prevent the eruption of violence, mediate among warring factions, and repair shattered societies after conflict. Worldwide, women make profound contributions to peace building. Inclusive Security will continue to work with women from around the world, their governments and the United Nations to ensure that women's vital perspectives are included in all stages of the peace process. When women wage peace, the whole world wins.”

Inclusive Security's primary goals for the four highlighted conflict areas reflect the different stages of the peace process in each country. In Afghanistan, work is focused on increasing women's role in security; in Colombia, ensuring that women participate in reconciliation; in Liberia, on increasing women's role in post-conflict reconstruction; and in Sudan, on increasing women's participation in negotiations.

U.S. House of Representatives Resolution 146 (H. Res 146), currently under consideration in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, calls on the U.S. to adhere to its commitment to UNSC Resolution 1325.

**Celebrating UN Security Council Resolution 1325: Women's Leadership  
for Peace in Afghanistan, Colombia, Liberia, and Sudan**

**WHO:** Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson; Rep. Lois Capps; Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee; and Ambassador Swanee Hunt, chair of The Initiative for Inclusive Security

**WHERE:** Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2200, Washington, D.C.

**WHEN:** Tues. Oct. 30, 6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

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**The Initiative for Inclusive Security**, a program of Hunt Alternatives Fund, advocates for the full participation of all stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger—or more critical to success—than women. Since 1999, Inclusive Security has connected more than 500 women experts with over 5,000 policy shapers to collaborate on fresh, workable solutions to long-standing conflicts across the globe. For more information visit [www.InclusiveSecurity.org](http://www.InclusiveSecurity.org).