Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) is an imperative component of security studies and the Marshall Center seeks your active commitment for the inclusion of women in security-related matters.

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Gender inclusion works and we request your continued support. Together, through partnership, we are making a difference!

The George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (GCMC) prioritizes the United States government’s Women, Peace, and Security Act of 2017, which was signed into law on October 6, 2017.

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“We cannot succeed when half of us are held back.”

- Malala Yousafzai

Basic Rationale for the Women, Peace and Security Act of 2017

Around the world, women remain under-represented in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict peace building efforts. Women in conflict-affected regions have achieved significant success in:

- Moderating violent extremism
- Countering terrorism
- Resolving disputes through nonviolent mediation and negotiation
- Stabilizing societies by enhancing the effectiveness of security services, peacekeeping efforts, institutions and decision making processes.

Research suggests that peace negotiations are more likely to succeed and to result in durable peace agreements when women participate in the peace process.

The law strengthens efforts to prevent, mitigate, and resolve conflict by increasing women’s participation in negotiation and mediation processes.

The Marshall Center believes women’s rights are a global priority.