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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 13, 1999

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MAYOR DUEHAY
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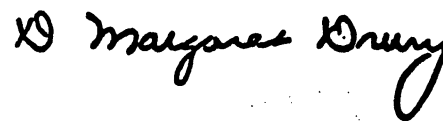
In City Council December 13, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



Women Waging Peace

*A global initiative of the Women and Public Policy Program
of Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and Hunt Alternatives*

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Executive Summary

A Global Network of Women Peacemakers December 3-18, 1999

The United States supports the efforts of women worldwide to create a culture of peace. I am committed to integrating their vital voices into our foreign policy process. A global network of women peacemakers and peacebuilders will add a critical element to our efforts to stabilize regions wracked by violent conflict.

Madeline K. Albright, U.S. Secretary of State

This is a valuable group on the most important matter of our time.

Ambassador John Kenneth Galbraith

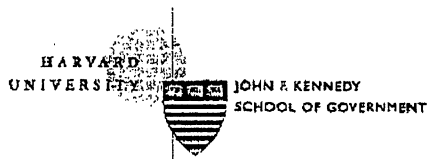
To empower women is to empower new civil societies, to shape democracies, to change the face of the globe.

Geraldine McAteer, Peace Activist, Northern Ireland

Across the globe, women are deeply involved in peace efforts in the most violent areas of the world. One hundred of those women working to prevent violent conflict, stop war, reconstruct ravaged societies, and sustain peace in fragile areas will join forces to launch an ongoing global initiative, convening for the first time December 3-18, 1999, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Delegations have been selected from: Azerbaijan/Armenia; Boston urban neighborhoods; Colombia; Cyprus; India/Pakistan; the Israeli/Palestinian conflict; Northern Ireland; South Africa; Sudan; and the Post-Yugoslav region. The widely diverse delegations will meet at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government for two weeks to create an ongoing and expandable global network; exchange their expertise in coalition building across lines of conflict; sharpen political, media, and Internet skills; and brief policymakers and potential funders on their work. The resulting network will provide information and technical assistance promulgating their most current successful strategies and encouraging the development of new ones.

Conflict transformation is the goal of women waging peace, not simply a cessation of killing, as activists take to the streets, the airwaves, or run for





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Local Partners

A local partner non-governmental organization in each of the 10 conflict areas is playing a critical role in the Women Waging Peace initiative. As the local arm of the initiative, the local partners are responsible for selecting 10 delegates and overseeing their professional preparation for the launch. They have distributed small family care grants to enable delegates to attend the launch, as well as to "brush up" on their English instruction. As part of their ongoing work in the community, the local partners track political trends and community issues affecting women in conflict transformation within each country/region; build positive ongoing relationships in the community and develop coalitions with other organizations in the conflict area; and provide technical assistance for network members to sustain contact. Initiative organizers will work closely with the local partners to develop and implement follow-up plans and activities for the December program, as well as long-term network building.

Local partner representatives gathered for a one-week planning session in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Washington, D.C., in October, and will travel with the delegations in December to Harvard University, providing continuity throughout the launch of the network and follow-up. The Washington policy shapers' roll-out included a reception hosted by U.S. Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) and Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), with Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), and Patty Murray (D-WA) and Blanche Lambert Lincoln (D-AR). A roundtable co-sponsored by Women in International Security and Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-CA) provided a packed forum at which the women's work was explored. Seasoned diplomats hosting a State Department luncheon were visibly moved by the women's accounts; and at a White House presentation, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton lauded the effort: "this initiative puts women on the front lines on behalf of peace."

Academic Connections

A multi-year analysis of the role of women in resolving conflict will be led by scholars and practitioners, laying the academic foundation for this new field of inquiry within foreign policy. Women Waging Peace is drawing from campuses across the Boston area and beyond, and delving deep into the Harvard community for analyses of political conflicts, of gendered aspects to the responses, and of organizational theory underlying "successful strategies." Working partnerships with other Harvard entities include the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Wiener Center for Social Policy, Hauser Center for Non-Profit Management, Shorenstein Center for Press and Public Policy, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and Center for International Development. Experts from Harvard Law School, Harvard Business School, Brandeis University, Georgetown University, and Simmons College are also among the collaborators.

With oversight by Harvard University's Brian Mandell, Lecturer in Public Policy, and led by the United States Institute of Peace, experts from the Public Conversations Project, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the Conflict Management Group are consulting with the delegates to design several days of exercises tailored to the conflict situations in their home regions.

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office. The Madres de Plaza de Mayo in Argentina and the women of Northern Ireland—known to the world thanks to Amnesty International and the Nobel Peace Prize—are symbols of thousands of others who work successfully, but with little recognition.

Although to date the contribution of these women in the peace process is rarely appreciated, they represent tremendous potential in ensuring that political solutions are carried out at the community level. Unfortunately, women activists are almost always excluded from the negotiating table. They often work in global isolation, a small minority within the power structure of their countries, and without resources to connect them to women in other countries doing similar work. As a result, women are often portrayed by the press only as victims in conflict areas, with their role as leaders ignored.

The Women Waging Peace initiative is designed to bring their work to the forefront and to close the gap between what happens at the policy table and activity on the ground. It demonstrates the power of partnership and interconnectedness, as well as the importance of structural changes necessary to bring the voices of women waging peace to policy shapers. A published handbook and continually revised repository for new ideas addressing conflict transformation will be created under the umbrella of the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Brief History

An event co-sponsored by Hunt Alternatives and the Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict in August 1998 in Sarajevo brought together women leaders from conflicts in Afghanistan, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Cyprus, Cameroon, and the Balkans. As the women exchanged experiences, it became clear that sharing their approaches and ideas was not just of practical value, but met an important nurturing need for support as well.

Kate Economidou, a well-known and respected bi-communal peacebuilder in Cyprus, commented that despite the many cultural and situational differences, it was impressive and instructive to hear about the achievement of the Women's Coalition of Northern Ireland, a party that made a significant contribution to the peace negotiations. Her observation underlined the need for a way to link women in peacebuilding, and to create a mechanism to share information and experience, as well as to provide moral support. The idea to create a global network of women working in conflict areas was birthed that summer night in Sarajevo. Ms. Economidou now serves as a member of the Women Waging Peace Steering Committee, providing guidance and insight as the initiative matures.

The Women and Public Policy Program has held consultations in New York, Washington, D.C., Belfast, The Hague, Zanzibar, Nairobi, and Boston with hundreds of international experts. From these discussions, with ongoing input from potential participants, the Women Waging Peace initiative has taken shape.



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Advisory Council Ivonne A-Baki; *Ecuadorian Ambassador to the U.S.* • Susanna Agnelli; *Italian Foreign Minister, 1986-91* • Oscar Arias; *Nobel Peace Laureate, Former President of Costa Rica* • John Brademas; *Chair, National Endowment for Democracy* • Alain Destexhe; *President, International Crisis Group* • Marian Wright Edelman; *President, Children's Defense Fund* • Roger Fisher; *Professor of Law, Emeritus, Harvard Law School* • John Kenneth Galbraith; *Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Harvard University, Former U.S. Ambassador to India* • John Galvin; *Dean, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO* • Jose Ramos Horta; *Nobel Peace Laureate* • Bianca Jagger; *Human Rights Advocate* • Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan • Shimon Peres; *Nobel Peace Laureate* • Kenneth Roth; *Executive Director, Human Rights Watch* • William Schulz; *Executive Director, Amnesty International* • Leticia Ramos Shahani; *Secretary General, United Nations Third World Conference on Women* • Ellen Johnson Sirleaf; *Chair and CEO, Kormah Development and Investment Corporation, Former presidential candidate of Liberia* • Sheila Sisulu; *South African Ambassador to the U.S.* • Joseph Sutton; *Vice-Chairman, Enron Corporation* • Simon Wiesenthal; *International Union of Resistance and Deportee Movements, U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient* • Jody Williams; *Nobel Peace Laureate*

Steering Committee Hafsati Abiola; *Nigeria, Kudirat Institute for Democracy* • Mahnaz Afkhami; *Iran, Sisterhood is Global* • May Blood; *Northern Ireland, Greater Shankill Early Years Project* • Landrum Bolling; *United States, Conflict Management Group* • Charlotte Bunch; *United States, Center for Women's Global Leadership* • Baroness Linda Chalker; *United Kingdom, House of Lords* • Mirjana Dokmanovic; *Yugoslavia, Women's Studies and Creativity* • Kate Economidou; *Cyprus, CyprusLink* • Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela; *South Africa, Former Member of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission* • Toby Gati; *United States, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, Feld* • Ayla Gurel; *Cyprus, Eastern Mediterranean University* • Susan Collin Marks; *South Africa, Search for Common Ground* • Jack Maresca; *Switzerland, Business Humanitarian Forum* • Geraldine McAteer; *Northern Ireland, Upper Springfield Development Trust* • Nomfundo Walaza; *South Africa, Trauma Centre, South Africa* • Dorothy Zinberg; *United States, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs*

Local Partner Organizations Codman Square Health Center, *Boston urban neighborhoods* • Confederacion Colombiana de ONGs, *Colombia* • Cyprus Fulbright Commission, *Cyprus* • El Taller, *Sudan* • Helsinki Citizens Assembly, *Azerbaijan/Armenia* • South Asia Forum for Human Rights, *India/Pakistan* • Star Network of World Learning, *Post-Yugoslav region* • Jerusalem Link, *The Israeli/Palestinian conflict* • Ulster People's College, *Northern Ireland* • Women's Development Foundation, *South Africa*

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