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## Conflict Related Sexual Violence in Peace Negotiations: Implementing Security Council Resolution 1820

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### Experts Available for Interviews



**Dr. Denis Mukwege:** Dr. Denis Mukwege graduated from the medical faculty at University of Burundi and completed his specialization in Obstetrical Gynaecology at the *Université d'Angers* in France. In 1989, he started work at Lemera Hospital (Eastern Congo), where he built a medical training centre to fight against maternity mortality in the region. In 1999, he established a maternity ward with an operating room at Panzi in Bukavu that has today become 'Panzi Hospital', where he repairs fistulae for women impacted by war. In addition to his tremendous work at Panzi Hospital, Dr. Mukwege travels the world to advocate for women's rights. It is for these endeavours he was awarded the following

prizes: United Nations Human Rights Prize 2008; The African of the year 2008 from Nigeria Daily trust; Olof Palme Prize 2008 from Sweden; Human Rights Prize from the French government.



**Betty Bigombe:** has been involved in peace negotiations to end the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) insurgency since the early nineties. Since 2004, Ms. Bigombe has been the chief mediator between the LRA and the government of Uganda, in an effort to end 20-years of conflict. Under President Yoweri Museveni's government, she was appointed minister to the parliament in 1986. In 1988 she was selected Minister of State for Pacification of north and northeastern Uganda and tasked with seeking a peaceful means to end the war. Following the failure of numerous military interventions, Bigombe initiated contact with rebel leader Joseph Kony in May 1992; this initiative gave birth to the "Bigombe talks." In 1994 she was named "Uganda's Woman of the Year" for her efforts to end the violence. She also provided technical support to the Carter Center to foster peace between the governments of Uganda and Sudan.

Bigombe left government service in 1996 and obtained a Master's degree in Public Administration at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. She has been a fellow at Harvard University's Institute for International Development in Public Policy and a senior fellow at the US Institute of Peace in Washington.



**Major General Patrick Cammaert:** has had a distinguished military career in both the Netherlands with the Royal Netherlands Marine Corps and with the United Nations, serving in Cambodia (UNTAC), Bosnia/Herzegovina (UNPROFOR), Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE), and the DRC (MONUC) and as Military Advisor to the Department of Peace Keeping Operations (DPKO). Mr. Cammaert attended the Higher Command and Staff College and the Top Management Course at the Armed Forces War College in The Hague. He is a member of the board of the European Centre for Conflict Prevention (ECCP), member of the Speakers Academy in the Netherlands and a senior fellow at the Netherlands Defence Academy (NLDA). He was awarded the Carnegie-Wateler Peace Prize 2008. Mr. Cammaert is an advocate on issues such as leadership in crisis circumstances, international peace and security, civil-military cooperation in peace support operations, and peacekeeping and security sector reform. He currently

advises the senior management of DPKO, UNDP and UNIFEM on integrated training development, the protection of civilians and sexual and gender based violence in armed conflict.



**Jan Egeland:** has been an active participant in a number of peace processes. He co-initiated and co-organized the Norwegian channel between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in 1992, which led to the Oslo Accord (Declaration of Principles) of September 1993. He directed the Norwegian facilitation of the United Nations-led peace talks leading up to ceasefire agreement between Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG) guerrillas signed in Oslo in 1996. He also led the host delegation when the Ottawa treaty to ban landmines was successfully negotiated and adopted in Oslo in 1997. From 2006 to 2008 he was Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. From 2003 to 2006 he was Under-

Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. Mr. Egeland is currently the Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and a Professor at the University of Stavanger. He has received a number of awards for his work on humanitarian and conflict resolution issues. Most recently he received the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award in 2008. He is the author of “A Billion Lives – An Eyewitness Report from the Frontlines of Humanity” (Simon & Schuster 2008).



**Leymah Gbowee:** Leymah Gbowee is the executive director of the Women Peace and Security Network Africa, based in Accra, Ghana. She is a founding member and former coordinator of the Women in Peacebuilding Program/West African Network for Peacebuilding (WIPNET/WANEP). During her tenure as coordinator for WIPNET/WANEP, Ms. Gbowee led a coalition of women peacebuilders that helped bring peace to Liberia, including through pivotal actions taken during the peace negotiation process. Her activism and leadership is featured in the award winning documentary “Pray the Devil Back to Hell”. Ms. Gbowee has also served as the commissioner-designate for the Liberia Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In 2006, she addressed the United Nations Security Council during an Arria Formula meeting on women, peace, and security organized around the 6th anniversary of UN resolution 1325. Ms. Gbowee is the recipient of several awards including Harvard University’s Blue Ribbon Peace Award and the John. F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.



**Luz Méndez:** Peace agreements signed in 1996 form the base of a comprehensive platform for socioeconomic development and democratization in Guatemala. Between 1991 and 1996, Luz Méndez participated in the peace negotiations as the only female member of the delegation of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (UNRC), contributing to the incorporation of unprecedented commitments for gender equity in the accords. In 2004, she was elected to represent the women's movement in the national commission overseeing implementation of the peace accords. Ms. Méndez coordinates broad consultations with women's groups to discuss issues of reparations - particularly organizing an advocacy campaign and recommendations regarding women's needs and specific ideas for supporting mechanisms for reparations for women.

A member of the advisory council of the Global Fund for Women, Ms. Méndez has contributed to women's inclusion and leadership in conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction in a number of countries. In 2000, she was a member of UNIFEM's gender experts team at the Burundi peace talks. She has been a consultant at trainings with high-level Iraqi, Israeli, Palestinian, and Colombian leaders seeking a stronger voice in peace processes. She holds a masters degree in public administration from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.



**Mary Ann Arnado:** is the former Deputy Director of Initiatives for International Dialogue (IDD), a regional institution that promotes solidarity among the people of Southeast Asia. As a coordinator of grassroots peace advocacy groups in Mindanao, Mary Ann Arnado organized the Bantay ceasefire monitoring team, which successfully aided in the peace process between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Ms. Arnado served as the Secretary-General and a lawyer for the Mindanao People's Caucus, where she helped mobilize over 10,000 IDPs. Her participation in the International Women's Peace and Solidarity Mission to Basilan was an important step in articulating the need to openly address incidences of sexual violence in times of conflict. Mary Ann Arnado was born in 1970, in Mindanao, the Philippines. She attended Mindanao State University.



**Thelma Awori:** a Liberian/Ugandan, was Assistant Secretary General and Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa at UNDP, New York between 1997 and 1999. Prior to that, she was Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP, New York and UN Resident Coordinator & Resident Representative, UNDP in Zimbabwe. Ms Awori was Deputy Director, United Nations Development Fund for Women and, prior to that, Chief of its Africa Section. She was initially an adult educator at African universities for many years. Her BA is in Social Relations and Cultural Anthropology from Harvard University and MA Adult Education and Humanistic Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. She recently received her PhD from Columbia University.



**Justice Theresa Doherty:** has served as the Presiding Judge of Trial Chamber II of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Justice Doherty joined the Special Court in January 2005. From 1976-1987 she practiced law in Northern Ireland and Papua New Guinea. In 1987 she was appointed a Principal Magistrate in Papua New Guinea and from 1988-1997 she served as a Judge of the Supreme and National Courts and was the first woman to hold high judicial office in Papua New Guinea. In 1998 she returned to private law practice in Northern Ireland, where she worked until 2003. From 2003-2005, just prior to joining the Special Court, Justice Doherty served as a Judge of the High Court and the Court of Appeal of Sierra Leone. From 1998 to 2002 she was a member of the board of visitors of Maghaberry Prison. Since 2002 she has served as Life Sentence Review Commissioner for Northern Ireland and a part-time chairman of the Appeals Services of Northern Ireland. This is Justice Doherty's second term as Presiding Judge of



**Asha Hagi Elmi:** is a peace activist in Somalia, and an MP in the Somali Government. She is the chair and founder of Save Somali Women and Children (1992) The first time that women were ever represented in a peace process in Somalia was when Asha Hagi Elmi founded the Sixth Clan, which gave women a seat at the peace table. Ms. Hagi became a member of the Transitional Federal Parliament in 2004, after she participated in the peace processes in the Mbagathi Conferences in Nairobi (2002-2004). She was also the first woman to sign the Somali Peace Talks in Nairobi in 2004. She participated in the U.N.-sponsored peace agreements in 2008 between the Transitional Federal Government and the Alliance Re-liberation of Somalia. She is also a Commissioner of Inter-Faith Action for Peace in Africa (IFAPA), as well as a Board Member of the Africa Peace Forum (APF). Asha Hagi Elmi was born in 1962 in Somalia, and has a B.A. in economics from Somalia National University, and an M.A. in Business Administration from U.S. International University in Kenya. She has received many awards, such as the Peace Appreciation Prize in 2003 and was one of 1000 women nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.



**Jebbeh Forster:** is UNIFEM's Country Programme Manager in Uganda. She also provides gender advisory services to the Office of the UN Special Envoy for the Lord's Resistance Army Affected Areas (LRA) in the Northern Uganda conflict. In the latter capacity she also lends technical support to women's engagement in the peace process. Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Forster was UNIFEM's Country Programme Manager in Sierra Leone. There, she worked to respond to women's post conflict needs, including addressing issues of transitional justice and HIV/AIDS. UNIFEM's interventions contributed to recommendations to the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission that resulted in the enactment of three land mark legislations in 2007 that recognized women's rights in marriage, inheritance and the criminalization of domestic violence.



**Shobha Gautam:** is the Founder President and former Chairperson of the Institute of Human Rights Communication Nepal (IHRICON). She is also the General Secretary of the Nepal Press Institute and a core group member of the South Asia Peace Alliance (SAPA). Ms. Shobha Gautam is a journalist and a women's rights activist. Ms. Gautam has worked as an Organizer and Coordinator of a research program on women's participation in politics, which effectively led to the Declaration on Enhancing Leadership of Women in Major Political Parties, an important step in Nepal to inclusion of women in politics. Ms. Gautam has also worked with South Asia Women's Institute for Peace studies, and has participated as a National Consultant on SCR 1325. Ms. Gautam authored the book *Women and Children in the*

*Periphery of People's War, Women Living in Conflict Situation in South Asia*, which was published by McGill University, Canada.



**Anne Marie Goetz:** is Chief Advisor for Governance Peace and Security at UNIFEM. She focuses on advocacy and programming to support women's engagement in peace processes, build gender-sensitive security sector reform, engage women in peace-building post-conflict, and to prevent the use of sexual and gender based violence as a method of warfare. Prior to joining UNIFEM in 2005, she was a Professor of Political Science at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, where she has worked since 1991. She has written about pro-poor and gender-sensitive approaches to public sector reforms, anti-corruption initiatives, and decentralization, and has also researched means of supporting political liberalization and state-building in fragile states and post-conflict situations. She is the author of six books on the subjects of gender and politics in developing countries, and on accountability reforms, including *Governing Women: Women in Politics and Governance in Development* (2008, Routledge), and *Reinventing Accountability: Making Democracy Work for Human Development* (Palgrave, 2005) (co-authored with Rob Jenkins). Her PhD in Politics is from Cambridge University, and her MSc in International Relations is from the London School of Economics.



**Priscilla Hayner:** is a co-founder of the International Center for Transitional Justice, and currently the Director of the ICTJ Geneva office and Peace and Justice Program. She has undertaken extensive research on how justice issues are addressed in peace negotiations, with publications on the peace processes in Liberia, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nepal, as well as a general guidance note for mediators, co-published with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. In March 2008, Ms. Hayner served as human rights advisor for the Kenyan National Dialogue and Reconciliation, assisting the Panel of Eminent African Personalities. Ms. Hayner has also written on official truth-seeking in political transitions, publishing *Un-speakable Truths*, a comparative study of twenty truth commissions, in 2001. She was previously a consultant to the Ford Foundation and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and a Program Officer for the Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation in New York.



**Dr. Antje Herrberg:** is the Director for Mediation and Dialogue and Senior Advisor at the Crisis Management Initiative and the Director for Interpeace Europe. She is also the President of the Steering Committee of the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office. Her present focus is to support the professionalization of the practice of interest-based mediation in international peace processes. Since 2007 she focused her work on advancing the capacity of the EU in the field of conflict resolution. Her current portfolio includes the building of mediation support capacity of the African Union, building up of conflict resolution capacity of civil society in the Black Sea region, and the empowerment of women in peace processes in Aceh/Southeast Asia. Her interests are in the intersection of gender/mediation and media/mediation. She is a practicing mediator and advisor in intrastate and multicultural conflicts. She acts as a consultant and advisor to a number of governmental and non-governmental actors.

**Catherine Mabobori:** Catherine Mabobori is a Member of Parliament of Burundi. She has been involved in civil society organizations since 1993 and is a journalist by profession. Ms. Mabobori led a movement of women for peace from 1995 – 1999, and went on to lead a coalition movement of six other women’s organizations until 2001. In 1996, Mrs. Mabobori was appointed to the office of the prime minister in charge of communication and external relations and in 1998 she took a similar position in the office of the Vice President. In 2001, Ms. Mabobori became involved in the Parliament as a civil society representative. In 2005, she campaigned and won a Parliamentary seat on the list of one of the minority parties (UPRONA ). She is currently leading the association of women parliamentarians in Burundi called SOFEPA (Solidarité Femmes Parlementaires).



**Ian Martin:** has had a long, distinguished career in and out of the United Nations before his appointment on 8 February 2007 as the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Nepal and Head of the United Nations Mission in Nepal (UNMIN). He earlier served in Nepal as the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General in support of the peace process (August 2006 until his appointment as SRSG) and as the Representative in Nepal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (May 2005-August 2006). His previous posts include Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Timor-Leste (2006), Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the East Timor Popular Consultation (1999), Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (2000-01), Special Adviser to the High Commissioner for Human Rights (1998), Chief of the UN Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda (1995-96), and Director for Human Rights of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (1993 and 1994-95). He also served in the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina as Deputy High Representative for Human Rights (1998-99). Mr. Martin was Secretary-General of Amnesty International (1986-92) and Vice President of the International Center for Transitional Justice (2002-05). His writings include “Self-Determination in East Timor: the United Nations, the Ballot, and International Intervention”.



**Joyce Neu:** is a conflict resolution specialist with experience in conflict assessment, mediation, and negotiation. She serves as Team Leader of a new UN Standby Team of Mediation Experts created to provide assistance to peace processes. She was founding Executive Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice where she co-created the Women Peace-Makers Program. Prior to the Institute, she served as Senior Associate Director and Acting Director of the Conflict Resolution Program at The Carter Center. She has conducted conflict assessments or mediation in Albania, Bosnia, Republic of Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Estonia, Latvia, Macedonia, Mali, Sudan, and Uganda. Dr. Neu has taught at the University of Southern California, the University of California at Irvine, Penn State, Emory University, and the University of San Diego. She was a senior Fulbright scholar in Poland and a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal. She received her Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Southern California.



**Major General Festus Okechukwu Okonkwo (Rtd):** has had a distinguished military career. General Okonkwo has served as ECOMOG Ground Task Force Commander (1994 – 1996), Force Commander ECOWAS Mission in Liberia (ECOMIL) (2003), Sector Commander United Nations Missions in Liberia (2004), Chairman Ceasefire Commission Darfur Sudan (AMIS) (2004-2005) and Force Commander African Union Missions in Sudan (AMIS) (2005-2006). He has served as Director of both Training and Operations at Army Headquarters (Lagos) and has led Commander Training and Doctrine Command at TRADOC (Minna). General Okonkwo has received several awards to his credit, including Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (Nigeria). He holds a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria.



**Dame Nuala O'Loan:** was appointed as Ireland's Special Envoy to Timor-Leste in February 2008, and Ireland's Special Envoy on UN Security Council Resolution 1325, Women, Peace and Security in March 2009. Prior to this, Ms. O'Loan served as Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (2000-2007), and held the Jean Monnet Chair in European Law at the University of Ulster (1992-2000). Ms. O'Loan has been appointed to a number of public bodies, including: the Equality and Human Rights Commission, London, the Commission for Racial Equality, London (2004-2005); the Department of Economic Development 2010 Strategy Group (1998-1999); that Northern Health and Social Services Board, the Northern Ireland Consumer Committee for Electricity, of which she was Chair, (1997-2000); and the Police Authority for Northern Ireland (1997-2000). She has worked with development initiatives and public inquiries on police accountability in England and Wales, Brazil, Canada, South Africa, India, Portugal, France, Macedonia, Romania and Ireland.



**Elisabeth Rehn:** is the former Minister of Defence (1990-1995) and Minister of Equality Affairs (1991-1995) of Finland, and was a Presidential candidate in 1994 and 2000. She is a former member of the Finnish and the European Parliament. She was the first woman to serve as Minister of Defence in Finland. More recently, Honorable Rehn served as UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Special Representative and Coordinator of UN Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. As a UNIFEM Independent Expert on the impact of war on women, she co-authored a report on women, war and peace with Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. Rehn is a member of the Advisory Board of Femmes Africa Solidarité. She is frequently engaged as an independent expert on crisis management and the role of women in peace processes by the United Nations and the government of Finland, among other organizations. She has been the recipient of numerous national and international honors and awards.

**Duska Andric-Ruzicic:** is the President and Coordinator of the women's NGO INFOTEKA - women's information and documentation center. INFOTEKA carries out research and publication, public advocacy, alternative education for other NGOs and local institutions, and networks with local, regional, and international activists. Ms. Duska Andric-Ruzicic, a former business woman who studied economics, has been active in Medica's work since the organization's beginnings and is committed to the INFOTEKA organization's growth as a leader in the effort to combat violence and discrimination against women in all its forms. INFOTEKA was integral part of Medica Zenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina, a local women's NGO which was established in 1993 to offer medical, psychological, and practical assistance to women survivors of war violence. Medica has continued to address issues of violence against women in the post-war period.



**Pierre Schori:** is Director General of FRIDE. A Swedish diplomat with vast experience in foreign affairs, development cooperation and peacekeeping operations, Schori served for two years until the beginning of 2007 as Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission in Cote d'Ivoire, responsible for the 10,000 civil and military personnel that integrate the complex peacekeeping mission. After a long career at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Pierre Schori was Minister for International Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum Policy, and Deputy Foreign Minister between 1994 and 1999. In 2000, Schori was appointed Swedish Ambassador to the United Nations, a position he held until 2004. He has also served as a Member of the Swedish Parliament, and the European Parliament for the Swedish Social Democratic Group. Pierre Schori is author of several books including, "The years of the Dragon's Teeth - September 11, the Iraq War and the World after Bush" (2008).



**Francesc Vendrell:** is currently Visiting Professor and Diplomat-in-Residence at the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs in Princeton University. He held the position of EU Special Representative for Afghanistan between 2002 and 2008 having served previously between January 2000 and December 2001 as the UN Secretary-General's Personal Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Special Mission to Afghanistan (UNSM). He has also held several other senior positions in the UN which he joined in 1968, including Director, Asia and the Pacific Division, Department of Political Affairs in 1993-99, serving concurrently as the Secretary-General's Deputy Personal Representative for East Timor, Special Envoy for Papua New Guinea and for Cambodia. Appointed Special Envoy for the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in 1992, Mr. Vendrell was head of the Europe and Americas section in the Office of the Secretary-General in 1987-92, serving concurrently as his Deputy Personal Representative for the Peace Process in Central America.

**Norbert Wühler:** is currently Director of Reparation Programmes at the International Organization for Migration (IOM). His previous positions include Chief of the Legal Service of the United Nations Compensation Commission (1992-2000), Legal Adviser to the President and Deputy Secretary-General of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal (1983-1991), research fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg (1978-1983) and attorney-at-law in Germany (1979-1983). He has been chairman and member of several international arbitral tribunals, has been an adviser to the Commission for Real Property Claims in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Eritrea-Ethiopia Claims Commission, and is currently a member of the Kosovo Property Claims Commission. Mr. Wühler holds a doctorate in law from the University of Heidelberg. He has taught and published on international property and compensation claims, dispute resolution, state responsibility and international arbitration.

**Esther Waters:** is currently the Gender/HIV Officer for the UNMIS Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) Program, based in Khartoum, Sudan. In this role, she oversees the DDR of thousands of women associated with armed groups across Sudan. Prior to her role at UNMIS, Ms. Waters worked on humanitarian dialogue with non-state actors for Swiss NGO *Geneva Call*, for the Red Cross and UNHCR. Esther has published work on women, peace and security and specifically the experience of female combatants. Her most recent publication for the Small Arms Survey focused on the plight of women associated with the armed groups in South Sudan. Esther is a graduate from Columbia University and King's College, Cambridge University.