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PWWSD participates in a 2-day expert workshop launched by Karama Network in New York

The Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD) participated in a 2-day expert workshop launched by Karama Women's Network in New York, and held in partnership with Gender Action for Peace and Security (GAPS), on the margin of the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63).

The roundtable discussion focused on assessing strengths and weaknesses of the women's peace and security accountability mechanisms in the MENA region, with highlight on National Action Plans of UNSCR 1325. Groups and plenary discussions addressed the question of how to develop strategies to increase accountability in the short term. PWWSD's representative, Sandie Hanna, spoke about the importance of efficient implementation of a national action plan for UNRC 1325 in Palestine, and the adequate capacity building of those responsible for both official implementation and service providers through the different needs outlined in the NAP. Hanna emphasized that without proper monitoring; the NAP will lose its accountability characteristic and remain a merely planning document and formality.

The workshop activities included a press conference by Karama Network on Women, Peace and Security in the MENA region, a round table meeting at the Irish Permanent Mission, and a high level luncheon discussion on social protection in the MENA region. Although UNSCR 1325 focuses on the direct and indirect effects of conflicts on women, implementing practical resolutions that guarantee sustainable peace and security for women continue to be a challenge for governmental bodies, local and international institutions as well as activists. In this regard the workshop also investigated the undermining of gender focused frameworks, such as UNSCR 1325 and CEDAW, and the ways through which such frameworks can be enforced and monitored.