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### Letter dated 30 June 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

As part of Switzerland's commitment to the implementation of the women and peace and security agenda, I am pleased to refer to the statements of nine women who, in their capacity as representatives of civil society organizations, gave briefings to the Security Council during Switzerland's presidency of the Council for the month of May 2023 (see annex).

Those nine civil society representatives briefed the Security Council under the following items:

- Peacebuilding and sustaining peace (3 May)
- Peace and security in Africa (16 May)
- The situation in the Middle East (17 May)
- The situation concerning Iraq (18 May)
- Protection of civilians in armed conflict (23 May)
- The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question (24 May)
- Peace and security in Africa (25 May)
- The situation in the Middle East (30 May)

As a signatory to the statement of shared commitments on women and peace and security, Switzerland will continue to engage with civil society representatives on matters relating to the work of the Security Council and pay close attention to the issues raised and recommendations made during their briefings. I trust that the statements will serve as a useful basis for Council members in their future work and discussions.

I kindly ask that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pascale **Baeriswyl**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 30 June 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

**Briefings given to the Security Council by women representatives of civil society organizations, May 2023**

**At the 9315th meeting, on peacebuilding and sustaining peace, held on 3 May**  
(see [S/PV.9315](#))

- 'Funmi Olonisakin, Vice-President and Professor of Security, Leadership and Development at King's College London
- Cynthia Chigwenya, Youth Ambassador for Peace for Southern Africa

**At the 9322nd meeting, on peace and security in Africa, held on 16 May**  
(see [S/PV.9322](#))

- Aïssatou Diouf of Enda Energy and Coordinator of the Climate Action Network for West and Central Africa

**At the 9323rd meeting, on the situation in the Middle East, held on 17 May**  
(see [S/PV.9323](#))

- Yasmeen Al-Eryani, Co-Executive Director for Knowledge Production, Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies

**At the 9324th meeting, on the situation concerning Iraq, held on 18 May**  
(see [S/PV.9324](#))

- Khanim Latif, Founder and Director of Asuda for Combating Violence against Women

**At the 9327th meeting, on the protection of civilians in armed conflict held on 23 May** (see [S/PV.9327](#))

- Aïchatou Mounkaïla, President of the Network of Women-led Organizations of the Lake Chad Basin

**At the 9328th meeting, on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, held on 24 May** (see [S/PV.9328](#))

- Tania Hary, Executive Director of Gisha

**At the 9329th meeting, on peace and security in Africa, held on 25 May**  
(see [S/PV.9329](#))

- Bitania Tadesse, Program Director, Amani Africa

**At the 9333rd meeting, on the situation in the Middle East, held on 30 May**  
(see [S/PV.9333](#))

- Morgane Aveline, Middle East Regional Program Director, Norwegian Refugee Council