

W7 STATEMENT

ON THE MEETING OF G7 FOREIGN MINISTERS 12 TO 14 MAY 2022

With the devastating impact of ongoing international, regional, and local conflicts, be it in Ukraine or Afghanistan, **Women7 (W7) urge the G7 to implement and follow a human-rights based and inclusive feminist foreign policy.** We call for this feminist foreign policy to foster meaningful, gender-transformative and sustainable responses to the global climate crisis, the global care crisis, the surging global food crisis, development, and humanitarian aid as well as the global rearmament.

We are voicing our concerns about an increasing militarization and international arms race as well as its repercussions on women and girls, local populations, and the environment. We are deeply troubled by increasing evidence that, yet again, sexual violence and rape are being used systematically as a weapon of war. We call for rigorous investigation of these alleged war crimes.

The Global South has been disproportionately affected and continues to carry a major burden of the global climate crisis, the COVID-Pandemic, the food crisis, and the debt crisis. It is time for the G7 to dismantle historically grown and (neo)colonial structures of economic, political, and financial dependency in foreign policy.

Current developments painfully demonstrate how, on a global scale, historically marginalized groups, including women, BIPOC, and LGBTIQ* continue to be excluded and not listened to in foreign and security policy, conflict prevention, protection, relief, and response. This must change! A feminist foreign policy can only be successful if developed upon consultation with civil society.



W7 call on the G7 Foreign Ministers

1. to commit to the **adoption and effective implementation of a feminist foreign policy** upon consultation with civil society actors, placing gender equality as a central goal across all foreign and development policy areas.
2. to facilitate the **participation and leadership of women's rights organizations and feminist activists** in policy formulation, implementation, and evaluation.
3. to address the structural causes of conflict and favor **civil crisis prevention and dialogue** over militarization and armed response.
4. to prioritize and **ensure women's meaningful participation in peace processes** at all levels, with at least 50% representation of women in all their diversity.
5. to spend 100% of bilateral allocable **ODA funding on programs with gender equality** as a main or significant objective and at least 20% on programs with gender equality as the principal objective.

It is high time to deliver on gender equality and to work towards an inclusive and feminist foreign policy.

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The National Council of German Women's Organizations (Deutscher Frauenrat) is hosting the 2022 Women7 Dialogue during Germany's G7 presidency. Through a multi-stage consultation process, [W7](#) Germany brings together an international network of feminist civil society organizations and advocacy groups with the aim of placing gender equality at the center of G7 negotiations and formulating powerful demands to G7 leaders.

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