

§ 2152j-2. Training requirements regarding the participation of women in conflict prevention and peace building

(a) Foreign Service

The Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall ensure that all appropriate personnel (including special envoys, members of mediation or negotiation teams, relevant members of the civil service or Foreign Service, and contractors) responsible for or deploying to countries or regions considered to be at risk of, undergoing, or emerging from violent conflict obtain training, as appropriate, in the following areas, each of which shall include a focus on women and ensuring meaningful participation by women:

- (1) Conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution.
- (2) Protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and trafficking in persons.
- (3) International human rights law and international humanitarian law.

(b) Department of Defense

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that relevant personnel receive training, as appropriate, in the following areas:

- (1) Training in conflict prevention, peace processes, mitigation, resolution, and security initiatives that specifically addresses the importance of meaningful participation by women.
- (2) Gender considerations and meaningful participation by women, including training regarding—
 - (A) international human rights law and international humanitarian law, as relevant; and
 - (B) protecting civilians from violence, exploitation, and trafficking in persons.
- (3) Effective strategies and best practices for ensuring meaningful participation by women.

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§ 2152j-3. Consultation and collaboration

(a) In general

The Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development may establish guidelines or take other steps to ensure overseas United States personnel of the Department of State or the United States Agency for International Development, as the case may be, consult with appropriate stakeholders, including local women, youth, ethnic, and religious minorities, and other politically under-represented or marginalized populations, regarding United States efforts to—

- (1) prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict; and
- (2) enhance the success of mediation and negotiation processes by ensuring the meaningful participation of women.

(b) Collaboration and coordination

The Secretary of State should work with international, regional, national, and local organizations to increase the meaningful participation of women in international peacekeeping operations, and should promote training that provides international peacekeeping personnel with the substantive knowledge and skills needed to ensure effective physical security and meaningful participation of women in conflict prevention and peace building.

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§ 2152j-4. Definitions

In sections 2152j to 2152j-4 of this title:

(1) Appropriate congressional committees

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
- (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Appropriations of the of the¹ House of Representatives.

(2) Relevant Federal departments and agencies

The term “relevant Federal departments and agencies” means—

- (A) the United States Agency for International Development;
- (B) the Department of State;
- (C) the Department of Defense;
- (D) the Department of Homeland Security; and

(E) any other department or agency specified by the President for purposes of sections 2152j to 2152j-4 of this title.

(3) Stakeholders

The term “stakeholders” means non-governmental and private sector entities engaged in or affected by conflict prevention and stabilization, peace building, protection, security, transition initiatives, humanitarian response, or related efforts.

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§ 2152k. Assistance to improve early childhood outcomes globally

(a) Definitions

In this section:

¹ So in original.