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## NOMINATION OF WILPF FOR 2021

Mindful of the demilitarized peace order Nobel intended the committee to promote, I wish to repeat and renew earlier nominations of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Formed in 1915 this organisation continues with great vigour to promote a transformative and permanent global peace where economic, social, cultural, political, racial, environmental, and gender justice is achieved for all.

Today, like yesterday, systems of injustice, inequality, racism, militarism and patriarchy fuel insecurity. Yet, in the face of these threats and obstacles, WILPF members continue to organise locally and globally to create change.

By building the movement, redefining security, leveraging feminist perspectives on peace, and promoting socio-economic justice, WILPF mobilises women to make known and abolish the causes of war and violence, which in turn advances feminist peace for equality, justice, and demilitarised security.

WILPF is present in 49 countries with 32 National Sections, 12 Groups, and 5 country initiatives. WILPF's strength comes from over 100 years of experience, geographic spread, local knowledge and a feminist and holistic analysis of the root causes of war and conflict.

Despite the COVID-19 crisis in 2020, militarisation has continued to deform our societies, violating rights, irreversibly damaging our environment and devastating public health. People and countries struggle to make ends meet, but the powerful military economy continued to put its profits over the urgent needs of people and the planet. WILPF continues to push forward its work on disarmament and is firmly established at the leading edge of analysis and advocacy. In particular, WILPF's disarmament programme continues to advance the thinking about gender and weapons in disarmament spaces and applying it to activism, advocacy, and analysis at the UN level. WILPF's experience and resources remain unique and are widely used by governments, NGOs and UN.

In 2020, WILPF's disarmament programme launched the very first [database on gender and disarmament](#) and spearheaded the inclusion of gender perspectives in cyber peace. In April, WILPF and the Association for Progressive Communications co-authored a [report](#) looking at the gendered impact of cyber operations and gender inequality in cyber diplomacy.

For more on WILPF, see the attachment to the nomination of Madeleine Rees.

Sincerely yours,

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