

Minutes of Conclusions and Recommendations
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## MINUTES OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Thematic Line B DEMOCRACY, ARMED FORCES, SECURITY AND SOCIETY

## Subtheme I Women's Participation and Gender Equality in the Armed Forces and Defense Institutions

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## **Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 1. Armed forces and defense institutions benefit from increased women's participation.
- 2. Select women for training and promotion based on merit within the context of equal opportunities.
- 3. Initiatives to increase recruitment and advancement of women in the armed forces and defense institutions are worthwhile and should be encouraged.
- 4. CDMA member states are encouraged to share statistics, analyses, and best practices on the participation of women in the armed forces and defense institutions.
- 5. CDMA member states are encouraged to offer training opportunities to women from other CDMA member states.