

Measures to advance gender equality are central to the success of any United Nations effort to safeguard international peace and security. Australia was a founding member of the UN and has actively engaged with the UN since that time. As a good international citizen, it must support the ongoing work of the UN to improve the status of women.

## KEY POINTS FOR ACTION

Women's advocates are urged to raise the following recommendations with Members of Parliament, Senators and candidates for the 2010 federal election, and remind them that the following elements must be essential to the plan:

### **Recommendations**

Australia should pledge core, predictable, and multi-year voluntary funds now for the new Composite Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and continue to offer strong moral support for the new entity.  
.Further, Australia should advocate in support of recognition of the vital role that civil society, particularly women's