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### **Ninth Training on Gender, Peace and Security**

**Cairo, Egypt** – The Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa (CCCPA) delivered its ninth training course on “Gender, Peace and Security: Mainstreaming Gender in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding”. The training was organized in Cairo from 19-22 November 2016, in collaboration with CMC Finland.

The course was developed by CCCPA with the aim of enhancing participants' understanding of the particularities of gender needs in peace and security, and the hazards that women face in the times of conflict. The training covered the international policy framework on women, peace and security; conflict analysis tools; the protection of civilians; and UN standards on the prohibition of sexual exploitation and abuse. A distinctive feature of this training is its focus on practical exercises. The training is scenario-based and participants were given the chance to interact with the subject matter in a simulated environment. Specifically, participants were asked to act out four scenarios related to sexual exploitation and abuse, conflict-related gender based violence, and ensuring women’s participation in elections, and the humanitarian situation in internally displaced camps.

This comprehensive, four-day training course targeted 30 participants from the Faculty of Political Science, Cairo University; Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies; and the National Council for Women.

The training comes within the framework of the ongoing project between CCCPA and CMC Finland. Under this same project, CCCPA has conducted eight basic training courses, two training of trainers courses and finalized a first-of-its-kind training toolkit on mainstreaming gender in peacekeeping and peacebuilding in the Arab world.

CCCPA is an African Union Training Center of Excellence, established in 1994. The center aims to provide “African solutions for African problems” by conducting training, capacity building and research to build African capacities in the fields of conflict prevention and resolution, crisis management, peacekeeping, peacebuilding, transnational threats, and preventing radicalization and extremism leading to terrorism.