



Human Rights Council 61st Session
Panel discussion
on human rights and a culture of peace
Oral Statement

Make Mothers Matter welcomes this timely discussion on advancing a culture of peace at a time marked by growing tensions and uncertainty.

Peace begins in the home. And mothers are essential peacebuilders – especially in the early years of their children’s lives. Through their daily care, presence and guidance, they help shape attitudes and behaviours. By nurturing empathy, respect, dialogue and non-violent conflict resolution, they lay the foundations for trust and social cohesion. These early lessons profoundly influence how children relate to others throughout their lives.

Yet unpaid care work is overlooked or inadequately supported, women’s economic insecurity deepens and inequality persists. A culture of peace cannot be sustained where such inequalities and human rights concerns endure.

Recognising, redistributing and supporting care work, including through robust social protection systems, is not only a social responsibility: it is a strategic investment in lasting peace and development.

Peace begins in the home. It flourishes when mothers are empowered.

Thank you.