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Our special thanks to American Jewish World Service, Global Fund For Women and National Endowment for Democracy for their generous support to run our office as well all others who partnered with us this year to make life better for women world over and to make a genuine effort to bring peace to Sri Lanka

Vision

A Peaceful prosperous Sri Lanka, where all its peoples are living with dignity enjoying equal rights.

Mission

Work towards strengthening democracy, women's advancement and equal participation in order to achieve sustainable development and permanent peace in Sri Lanka

- A consultative discussion on Women's Voices in Development was held on 19th January 2010 at Mount Lavinia Hotel, Key note speaker for this event was President Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunge



- AWAW celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the International Women’s day by visiting Trincomalee on 4th, 5th and 6th of March with the TEAM 1325 members.



- UAF 1325 event in Amman Jordan.



- Participated in the world democracy movement in Jakarta, Indonesia from April 11th – 14th organized by national endowment for democracy.



- World Congress on Psychosocial work in search and exhumation process related to forced disappearances from April 21st 23rd in Bogotá Colombia



- **50 years of women's political leadership**
Sri Lankan Women proudly celebrate 50 years of women's leadership in politics



- AWAW together with other women's organizations organized a consultation at Girithale in July this year for the women of North and East of Sri Lanka on post war concerns funded by FOKUS.



Training Women to Run for Political Office Implementing UN Resolution 1325" Funded by NED

- The Fifth and Final workshop and the certificate distribution of the NED project of Puttlam district was held on the 5th August 2010. The chief guest for the occasion was HE President Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunga.



- AWAW is actively engaged with few women together with HE. President Chandrika Bandaranayake Kumaratunge on "**Women's Vision for Twenty Forty Eight**" a process that will decide Sri Lanka's future where by developing National polices and also drafting a new constitution taking into account the aspirations of all communities and peoples of the country. To open this for a wider group of women the first discussion was held successfully on 14th August 2010.
- On 3rd and 4th of September we held an evaluation meeting for members of Team 1325 to share the experience and to discuss future activities.



- **September 26th to 30th at Kathmandu with HD center on increasing women mediators**



- **19th October 2010 Addressing the UN Arrria Formula meeting.**



- **4th November at the USIP conference in DC with Abigail Disney on using media to high light women’s concerns**



- AWAW Chair participated the FOKUS Networking Conference and “SCR 1325 10th Anniversary commemoration week in Bogota from 7th - 12th November 2010
- **“Training Women to Run for Political Office Implementing UN Resolution 1325” - 3rd Phase Funded by NED**

The Five day Training of Trainers workshop held on 30th November to 4th December At Hotel Hilltop, Kandy.

