

DACOWITS RFI #3.2 (June 2024)

Subj: DACOWITS RFI # 3.2 - IMPLEMENTATION OF WOMEN, PEACE, AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

In December 2023 (via RFI 3), the Committee received a briefing from Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (OUSD(P)) and the Joint Staff (JS) on the Defense Department's work on WPS and Defense objectives. During that briefing, mention was made to the Department's gender analysis requirements as defined in FY21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) as well as the Independent Review Commission (IRC) on sexual assault in the military. Post 2017, NDAA's have sought to institutionalize WPS objectives by requiring the integration of a "gender perspective" in security cooperation activities to include the integration of Gender Advisors into geographic combatant commands and the hiring of other WPS personnel among the Joint Staff.

The Committee requests the Marines provide a copy of their WPS Strategic Action Plans, similar to the Department of the Air Force 2023 WPS Strategic Action Plan.

**Response:** The DoDI 5205.EI, Women, Peace and Security is still pending review; therefore, the Marine Corps will not publish a WPS Strategic Action Plan until it has been officially released.