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BURUNDIAN WOMEN TAKE CHARGE

VIDEO

SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING

FEMALE PEACEKEEPER
RECEIVES MEDAL

POST ELECTION PARTY

CAROLYN McASKIE ON-
CAMERA, SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
SG IN BURUNDI

AUDIO

NARRATION

Security Council resolution 1325, adopted in 2000 by the UN, paved the way for women to participate in the peace process. This year marks its fifth anniversary. (11")

More women are taking jobs in peacekeeping missions. Countries are also encouraged to include women in peace-negotiations and government roles because of the resolution. (8.5")

Implementation of resolution 1325 played a vital role for women in the run up to the recent post-war elections in Burundi. Carolyn McAskie UN Special Representative. (7.5")

McASKIE:

"We had a major programme to get out the vote, to get women to vote and to get women to run." (5")

W/S WOMEN IN
PARLIAMENT

NARRATION

Thirty-six of the 118 parliamentary seats went to women after the July elections. There are now 17 female senators and the Vice President of the Republic and the President of the National Assembly are both women. (12.5")

WOMAN PLANTING

But for Burundian women, the seeds of their success were planted long before the adoption of resolution 1325. (6.5")

WOMEN AT PEACE MARCH

Women in Burundi sought an active role in rebuilding their country after the 1993 civil war broke out. They fought for inclusion in peace negotiations during the late 1990's. (10")

W/S MEN ATTENDING
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

But for two years women were not admitted to the negotiations. They were only allowed to be observers. Catherine Mababori, Women's Rights and Peace Activist. (6")

CATHERINE MABABORI ON-
CAMERA, WOMEN'S RIGHTS
AND PEACE ACTIVIST

MABABORI:

"I remember one man saying to us 'your place is in the kitchen and in the bed, so go back to your kitchen and to your bed. We have no time for you here.' We were so frustrated." (10")

W/S PRESIDENT NELSON
MANDELA

NARRATION

UNIFEM, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, together with other partners, organized a meeting for the women with President Nelson Mandela, the facilitator of the Burundi peace negotiations in July 2000. (12")

NARRATION

W/S WOMAN GIVING
ELECTION SPEECH

This historic meeting was a breakthrough for women in Burundi. It led to over 50% of the women's recommendations being incorporated into the Burundi Peace Accord. (9")

WOMAN ON-CAMERA

VOX POP:

"We request that our rights to property, land and inheritance be explicitly included in the final agreement." (8")

W/S WOMEN TOASTING &
DANCING

NARRATION

Women in Burundi are now at a place they have never been before. Now women can voice their concerns and influence politics in Burundi. (14.5")

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by Nicky Chalk for the United Nations. (5")