INVITATION

CSW61 – Side event – ITALY
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“Per aspera ad astra”
(“through difficulties up to the stars”)

Women in the Italian Armed Forces and their contribution to the empowerment of local women in international operations

Since 2000 more than 12,000 women have joined the Armed Forces and Carabinieri Corps in Italy, according to the same recruitment and training procedures that apply to men. Among the tangible examples of women’s empowerment in the military, we can cite Air Force Captain and pilot Samantha CRISTOFORETTI (panelist), the astronaut who spent 199 days aboard the International Space Station during expeditions 42/43.

The added value women bring to humanitarian missions and missions conducted in the different theatres of operation, also through the implementation of targeted CIMIC (Civil-Military Cooperation) projects, has proven increasingly critical as a catalyzing factor for the empowerment of local women. As is well known, there are areas where servicewomen are indispensable to engaging with the female population, while respecting local culture and religious customs.

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