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WILPF envisages "a transformed world at peace, where there is racial, social, and economic justice for all people everywhere." It is a vision us WILPFers work towards every day. But as we are far from obtaining this vision, our purpose must be not only to continue working towards our goals, but also, perhaps more importantly, creating a space where those younger than, different from, us might also see, believe, and work towards our vision. My participation with WILPF's UN Practicum both as a participant and a faculty member, as well as my work as a university instructor, has shown me that young people today are deeply concerned about injustice at home and abroad and are actively seeking an outlet for their passions. WILPF should and could provide a focus and a direction for their social justice work.

My idea to help renew, transform, and build a more sustainable WILPF into the next century is the creation of a system of WILPF university campus branches. Campus branches would mirror regular branches in form and purpose, even paying dues, and would allow us to build and foster a stronger youth presence in our organization. A system of campus WILPF chapters would create a space for new voices to be heard and for existing voices to be recognized. Campus branches could connect with nearby branches, at-large members and issue committees. These university branches might even choose to connect to the international Y-WILPF. Moreover, as campus organizations are generally required to do some sort of service work in the community, campus branches could and would educate the community at-large about WILPF, perhaps even working with high school or grade school students. Campus branches of WILPF could provide continuity with our past as participants learn and share with existing WILPFers, challenge our present as they bring new ideas and deeper diversity to the organization, and build a scaffold for our future. It would not be the creation of a separate WILPF, but a stronger WILPF.

I believe that the consultations we did leading up to the US writing of the National Action Plan on United Nations Security Resolution 1325 to be some of the strongest and enlightening work WILPF US has done lately. However, I believe we must continue to build upon those consultations findings in hopes of constructing a nation where security means a bed to sleep in, healthcare, and food on the table rather than tanks, guns, and drones. Recently I received some information on how The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders is "localizing" UN Security 1325 and 1820. It is a "people-based, bottom-up approach to policy-making and policy implementation" intended to ensure broad-based ownership of the policy. It is similar to our consultation process. The word "localization" stopped me though. Much like San Francisco has ratified CEDAW, might we be able to encourage, through action and education,

other places, institutions, communities to ratify CEDAW? Or, codify UN Security Resolution 1325 in a way that represents our human security aims? What if more towns ratified CEDAW? What if an university did? What about a state? This is my loftiest of the two ideas I know and I'm not sure how it would happen, but it does spark the juices doesn't it?