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**Presentation:** ‘The right to education in conflict and post conflict settings’

Since 1915, the question of Women’s Rights in areas of conflict and post conflict times has posed many challenges. It was in 1915, when the topic of the effect on women was first discussed. Recently, with the support of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Foreign Minister Lord William Hague, we saw more concrete agreements by countries in the United Nations. Many countries and people have worked very hard over the last hundred years to get some resolution on the issue of women being used as a tool of war. There has been a focus to involve women in peace talks at every level. In times leading up to conflict, during conflict, and post conflict when families are trying to flee war torn areas, the institution of education is often completely lost. Many times the schools become headquarters for the peacekeepers. Furthermore, only 2% of humanitarian aid is spent on education. What does that say to all of those families and individuals disrupted? Millions of people are deprived educations. Education is critical, as critical as food and nutrition. Without education, the future negative consequences to these victims continue. It is very difficult to makeup a lost education to these people. When women are involved in post conflict conversations, and the following issues are addressed: access to education, health, jobs, and investments for rebuilding community and its infrastructure. Many times, the instruments that finance people have been lost as well, and need to be rebuilt.

**Relevant documentation:**

The UK National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security 2014 and 2017

Report to Parliament 2016

GAPS Report January 2017

Assessing UK Government Action of Women Peace and Security, 2016

The Guardian International, Yemen’s Food Crisis 9th Feb

House of Lords Sexual Violence and War Crimes 12th April 2016

Research from the Georgetown Institute on Women Peace and Security

London School of Economics for Women Peace and Security

Global Refugee Crisis: How can we ensure that Baroness Goudie protects women and children to rebuild their life December 2016?

## **Bio**

A senior member of the British House of Lords. Today Baroness Mary Goudie is an avid social media contributor, writing for the Huffington Post as well as her personal blog [www.baronessgoudie.com](http://www.baronessgoudie.com). She can also be followed on Twitter: @BaronessGoudie. She currently sits on a number of influential committees focusing on policy issues ranging from matters of regional development, gender equality, human trafficking, human rights and children. Baroness Goudie is committed to delivering pragmatic strategic advice and mentoring to organisations and individuals regarding commercial, political, and charitable endeavours throughout the world. She is an expert in charity law, constitutional affairs, and the implementation of international treaties, and she has directed a wide range of public affairs assignments in parliaments based in Westminster, Scotland, and the European Commission in Brussels. Baroness Goudie is a worldwide advocate for the rights of women and holds prestigious standing in several organisations working to create equality for women in the workplace. She advises philanthropic, political, and commercial organisations on ways to achieve better gender balance and encourage diversity in leadership.