



HANDOUT PART III - First exploration of security issues in country groups



Exercise:

- 1. List the top 10 threats you face as a Women Human Rights Defender (WHRD).
- 2. List the things that make you <u>vulnerable</u> to these (and other) threats.
- 3. List the <u>capacities</u> you have to face these (and other) threats. These capacities can be things you already have and tools you already use, or new things in the future, or capacities you imagine useful and effective though you have no(t yet) access to.
- 4. Summarise for the plenary:
 - a. Two country specific threats
 - b. Two vulnerabilities
 - c. Two capacities
 - d. One example (story)

In answering the questions, think about gender specific threats and risks:

GENDER SPECIFIC THREATS AND RISKS		
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Is the contribution of WHRDs acknowledged and respected in the community?	
SOCIAL TABOOS	Do WHRDs have to break patriarchal stereotypes and social taboos to do their work?	
HOSTILITY	Do WHRDs face gender specific hostility, harassment and repression?	
INTEGRITY	Do WHRDs face pressure to prove their professionalism and integrity?	
MALE COLLEAGUES	Do male colleagues have the same social prejudices as outsiders against the work of WHRDs?	
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	Do WHRDs experience domestic violence or threats as a consequence of their activism?	
FAMILY OBLIGATIONS	Do responsibilities for young children and other family issues interfere with the work of WHRDs?	
SEXUAL ASSAULTS	Do WHRDs run a higher risk for sexual assaults and intimidation in public places?	
WOMEN'S RIGHTS	Are men in the community supporting the work of the WHRDs for Women's Rights?	



