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**Women’s role in Mexico’s peace process (1994–2001)**

**BACKGROUND ON MEXICO’S PEACE PROCESS (1994–2001)**

On 1 January 1994, the Zapatistas Army of National Liberation (EZLN) took up arms against the Government of Mexico. A ceasefire was soon declared, but violence continued. Years of talks resulted in only one of a projected series of accords between the EZLN and the Government, before collapsing in 1997. In 2001, the agreement was partially implemented in constitutional changes.

**WOMEN’S INCLUSION IN THE PROCESS**

- **Mass action**
  - Women marched a 150km route in 2010
  - Women protected the negotiation site and Zapatista-affiliated communities
  - Women marched with the Zapatistas to Congress in 2010

- **Consultations**
  - Women from 10 organizations participated in the 2010 National Democratic Convention
  - 700 women gathered at the National Convention of Indigenous Rebellion
  - Women primarily made up of Coordinating Committees of the EZLN in mass consultation in 1999

**WOMEN’S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PROCESS**

- Women ensured that talks continued by protesting violence and protecting the dialogue site
- The EZLN’s inclusive peace resulted in 95% agreement on equal political and civil rights for men and women
- Gender equality and women’s rights were central to the negotiation agenda
- The agreements contain multiple references to equal rights between men and women, and requires that indigenous communities’ rights do not disadvantage women
- While the ultimate implementation did not reflect those achievements, changes within the EZLN did somewhat improve conditions for women in Zapatista-controlled areas

**FACTORS ENABLING WOMEN’S INFLUENCE**

- Group members
- Inclusive mediator
- Preparation

**FACTORS CONSTRaining WOMEN’S INFLUENCE**

- Little resistance

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