



## Feminist Foreign Policy means no *carte blanche* for Israel!

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs is hosting the Shaping Feminist Foreign Policy conference. While the Dutch government has committed itself to Feminist Foreign Policies, we see the current government doing the opposite in its reaction to Israel's attack on Gaza, in response to Hamas's attack. We call on the Dutch government to practice what you preach:

- **Ceasefire now!** The killing of civilians in Gaza has to stop. Until now the Netherlands refuses to call for a ceasefire. On 28 October the Netherlands abstained on the voting for an UNGA resolution calling for a truce. A Feminist Foreign Policy means protection of all civilians and ensuring human security for all – especially of the historically excluded - instead of militarized notions of nation state security.
- **End war crimes:** The Hague hosts the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice. While the Dutch government actively works to hold perpetrators of war crimes in Ukraine and Syria accountable, the government refuses to recognize Israel is responsible for war crimes. In a Feminist Foreign Policy there is no room for double standards. International law is applicable to all and all perpetrators of war crimes and must be held accountable.
- **No further militarization:** The Dutch government is giving Israel a *carte blanche* in its military action in Gaza and its collective punishment of Palestinians. Military might is not the answer - no military cooperation can take place with Israel as long as it occupies and violates international law. With a Feminist Foreign Policy the rationale of military action needs to be criticized, and our ideas questioned of military as strength as directly linked to dominant masculinities. Ultimately, arms trade to Israel needs to be stopped as long as Israel violates international law.