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International Symposium on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond

In June 2006, more than 250 participants from 30 countries met at the Palais d'Egmont in Brussels for the International Symposium on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond. This three-day conference – convened by the Government of Belgium, the European Commission and UNFPA – brought together heads of UN agencies and NGOs, human activists and researchers, government ministers, doctors and other field-based humanitarian workers, parliamentarians, representatives from the International Criminal Court, military and police

officers, and members of the media to share experiences, strategies and a renewed commitment to end the scourge of sexual violence in countries torn apart by war.

Full report online at www.unfpa.org/emergencies/symposium06/docs/final_report.pdf

The first Symposium follow-up event – Addressing Sexual Violence in Liberia – was held at the UN Secretariat in New York in December 2006.

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