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## **Nazra for Feminist Studies holds a parallel event in CSW 61**

“Nazra for Feminist Studies” holds today, the 17th of March 2017, a parallel event on the role of Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) in the MENA Region, and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as part of CSW61 events, held now at the UN headquarters in New York City.

“Nazra for Feminist Studies” has a special consultative status at the ECOSOC since 2014, and it has registered for this event before the asset freeze order was issued against the NGO, and its founder and executive director Mozn Hassan. Despite the inability of any of the team members to travel to attend the CSW due to asset freeze order, the event will be held in time, with the support and presence of feminists and WHRDs.

The event focuses on the targeting of feminists and WHRDs in the MENA region; as it is difficult to achieve the SDGs, including gender equality, without empowering and protecting groups that defend these rights in their communities.

The conduction of this event despite the obstacles “Nazra For Feminist Studies” is facing, comes as a clear example of the values of solidarity inside the international feminist movement, which “Nazra” considers itself to be part of. The solidarity of feminists around the world and the efforts they exert for the voice of feminists from our region to be present, is what proves the continuity of the feminist movement and its struggle.

As long as discrimination against women continues, we will continue to raise our issues in all possible ways..