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Ms. Paivi Kannisto joined UN-Women in September 2015 as Chief of the Peace and Security Section. UN-Women supports UN Member States in implementing their commitments in women, peace and security, catalyses and coordinates the UN system's work in this area and facilitates the work of civil society.

Prior to joining UN Women, Ms. Kannisto worked in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland as Senior Adviser in Gender Equality, especially in development, peace and security issues and in the Crisis Management Initiative and the Office of President Ahtisaari as Project Manager for the Aceh Peace Process and Women in Peace Processes -projects. Before that she worked for 15 years with various United Nations' entities in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Switzerland.

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