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“The Promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women in decision-making positions at all levels”

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Aware that we are living in a world where gender inequality is broadly generalized through different and unsustainable cultural hierarchies, which limit the broad and balanced participation of women in politics and decision-making environments.

Highlighting that International Law, through different tools, has insisted on the need of empowering women, especially the Beijing Conference which looks to "strengthen the role of women and the full participation of women under equal conditions in all spheres of society, including participation in decision-making processes and access to power, which are fundamental to achieve equality, development and peace".

Considering that participation in politics and decision-making considers a broad spectrum of possibilities which States must encourage, like participation in social movements, political parties and parliamentary seats, among many others.

Remembering the importance that the empowerment of women and gender equality has had during the history of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF).

Highlighting Resolution 18 about the promotion of female participation in political and economic life, adopted in the 14th Annual Meeting of the APPF, in Indonesia, which urges members of parliament to actively promote gender equality in political and economic life by passing laws and regulations that incorporate pertinent international instruments, like the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and those which supervise their application.

Bearing in mind Resolution 21 about gender equality, adopted in 2004 in the 12th Annual APPF Meeting in Beijing, which establishes that the joint participation of men and women in politics and social and economic development is essential from the perspective of supporting the sustainable and balanced development in the Asia-Pacific region.



Acknowledging the important advances with regard to creating and starting public policies with positive impacts on greater gender equality.

Remembering that the participation in politics and decision-making continues to show inequality between men and women, which profoundly harms the quality of the democracy in our countries.

Bearing in mind that gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is one of the core targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, so that humanity's development can only be conceived considering the active participation of women in decision-making.

Aware that discrimination towards women occurs in different shapes and forms and those who are most harmed by gender discrimination are women with disabilities, those from indigenous peoples or those do not have hegemonic gender or sexual orientations.

HEREBY RULES:

To urge members of parliament that they actively promote gender equality in political life and in decision-making by passing laws that incorporate the pertinent international instruments, like the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and those which supervise their application.

To encourage members of parliament that they make concerted efforts to promote the participation of women in political life and decision-making through the exchange of successful experiences and lessons learned.

To call APPF members to promote the cultural transformation of their societies, where gender inequality is based on arbitrary social hierarchies.

To urge Parliamentarians that they apply severe sanctions against those who use gender differences to produce and replicate discrimination against women, marginalizing them from political life and decision-making in general.

To recommend holding interparliamentary meetings of women, to share experiences and nourish political reflection with a gender approach.



To underline the importance of promoting a non-sexist education, which transversally includes a gender approach and actively promotes the participation of women at the same level as the men.

To advance towards greater levels of female participation in Parliaments, using the different tools which have been successfully applied in other countries.

To recommend APPF members that they finance research centers in the Asia-Pacific region, whose goals are collating data, comparative analysis and proposing strategies for the promotion of women in politics and decision-making.

To strengthen in Parliaments, the political participation of all women, especially those with disabilities, from indigenous peoples or who have non-hegemonic sexual or gender orientations.