

**27th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY FORUM
(APPF)**

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY MEXICO

**GUARANTEE EQUALITY FOR ALL WOMEN AND MEN, ACCESS TO
EDUCATION, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES
FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE AND ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Being aware of the fact that women participate to a lesser extent in the areas related to technology and communications;

In response to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), which emphasized the need to guarantee equal access for women to science and technology, professional training, information, communications and markets, as a means to promote the advancement of women and girls;

Recalling the Resolution on the Participation of Women in Politics, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 19, 2011, in which States are urged to improve and expand women's access to technology information and communications in order to enable their political participation;

Recalling the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2014), in which the participation and access of women and girls to education, training, science and technology was addressed as a topic of discussion, which highlighted the need to incorporate a gender perspective in the legislation, policies and programs of all sectors of the Government, including education, training, science and technology, academia, research institutions and research funding agencies;

Taking into account that goal 5.b of the Sustainable Development Goal is to improve the use of information and communication technologies to promote the empowerment of women as a complementary strategy to achieve gender equality;

Considering the joint effort of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and UN Women with the presentation of the Global Alliance for Gender Equality in the Digital Era in 2016, which vision is to take advantage of information and communication technologies in order to reduce the digital gender gap;

Underscoring the importance of commemorating the International Day of Girls in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), an initiative of the International Telecommunication Union, which takes place on the fourth

Thursday of the month of April of each year, and that has as a goal to achieve greater participation of girls and women in the sector;

Emphasizing that in the Asia-Pacific region, about 61 million girls and adolescents do not have access to the educational system in their communities, reason why their training and access to Information and Communication Technologies is limited or null;

IT IS RESOLVED TO:

1. **Urge** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to establish laws that promote the participation of women in the area of technologies and communications with the aim of having an academic and technical preparation that allows them to obtain better jobs and wages.
2. **Urge** the Member States of the APPF to increase budgets for women, specifically to facilitate their access to education and training in information and communication technologies.
3. **Request** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to undertake public campaigns aimed at the inclusion of women and their access to information and communication technologies with the objective of achieving greater participation of women in these areas.
4. **Urge** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to include the topic of women in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in their Science and Technology Commissions, with the purpose of drafting laws and approving budgets in these areas.
5. **Encourage** the Parliaments of the APPF Member States to commemorate the International Day of Girls in Information and Communication Technologies.
6. **Encourage** the parliaments of the Member States to work and deploy a comprehensive strategy that allows children and men to become deeply involved in the process of empowering girls and women in the matter.