



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES DES CARRIERES JURIDIQUES

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The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” (I.F.W.L.C) is an international NGO founded in Paris in 1928, having consultative status with the ECOSOC, since 1961. It affiliates national associations and individual members in 70 different countries.

The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” activities are inspired in the United Nations Charter principles, as they are consecrated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” essentials goals are the eradication of all form of discrimination against Women and the promotion of Women Human Rights.

The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” assembled in its XIX Congress in Barcelona, Spain, from 6th to 9th September 2006, in which debated the theme of the Discrimination affecting both the women and the girls-children, specially in what concerns health, education, and access to propriety.

The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” XIX Congress concluded, regarding those two first issues, that Governments and public entities from all over the world should guarantee:

- Free access to generic and non generic medicines to the populations with low resources;
- to ascribe more dignified funds to healthcare, health instruction, to medicine supply as well as to large advertising campaigns addressed to the prevention of diseases, specially Aids;
- to include on their educational plans the teaching of Aids’s preventive measures and sexual education so, in the future, this knowledge will be passed on to others contributing to the prevention of diseases;
- Criminally punish the behaviour of men towards their partners (occasional or not) that know they are Aids bearer’s or have been exposed to the infection;
- Criminally punish the diffusion of misleading information (self-conscious or not) regarding the methods of healing or cure of Aids as well as the all the information that might help to the spreading of this disease.
- A campaign near the families on behalf of Education for girls in a way to sensitize them that Education is a way to leave poverty.

- *Assure the continuance of girls in school in the matter of: minor pregnancy, Aids or poverty.*
- *Assure the girls a teaching suitable for the demanding of modern world.*
- *To establish the teacher's knowledge in relation to the subjects of Human Rights and equality between men and women. And, in the countries of extensive immigration, to give teacher's knowledge regarding the children's different culture and origins.*
- *To assure the encouragement of secular, mixed and coercive schools through the setting of qualified employees and adapted to the needs of a qualified teaching, especially to girls.*
- *To apply the differentiation by gender of all the duties defined in the International Pact of Economical, Social and Cultural Rights, establishing to the State Members a specific budget to girl's education.*
- *To secure the visibility of girl's education through systematic fractioning, by gender, of the indicators used by the statistical studies.*
- *To define the content of the demanding of a 'trustworthy plan' in a way to secure the right to the financing by the International Community.*
- *To establish the responsibility of each State Member, assuring a public education equally accessible and adapted to girls and boys in a way that education can be an important part of governments' public politics.*

*The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” wants also to express its deep distress with the traditional or customary practices against girls-children especially with Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting, stressing that those practices being an act of violence against girls are a violation of their fundamental rights to life, security, freedom and health.*

*The “**International Federation of Women in Legal Careers**” considers, therefore, such practices as a violation of Human Rights, and consequently that they should be typified as a crime against Humanity and also be object of massive campaigns of information and enlightenment in order to persuade the parents not to engage their daughters in such practices.*

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The I.F:W.L.C. President

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