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STATEMENT

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** has analysed the priority theme of the 52nd C.S.W. Session – Financing for Gender Equality and empowerment of women - and considers that the increase of economic and social inequality, either between or inside the countries, obstructs the development of Human Rights and generates new social conflicts.

Poverty still has a woman of a less developed country face and affects millions of Women, making impossible their personal autonomy, and increasing their vulnerability and risk of suffering all kinds of violence: from domestic and family abuse to sexual and labour exploitation.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** alerts for the persistence of the fact, formerly denounced in 1995 by the Peking Platform for Action, that in countries with economical adjustment programs, privatisation of public services and reduction of social programs, women are responsible for new obligations to avoid the effects of the reduction of public social budgets on their own families. Particularly women in rural areas and female migrant workers suffer in a major way these effects since they are forced to support a heavier burden of non-paid work.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** considers vital to be necessary to study in depth the complex, political, social and economical phenomena inherent to the economic globalization in order to know how to utilize it in the promotion of Women's Human Rights.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** thinks that urgent measures should be taken by the international community in order to reduce the weight of external debt on the least developed countries, either by cancelling the debt for those countries whose people reach misery, or by fulfilling the commitment to allocate 0.7% of the Gross National Product of the developed countries to Official Development Assistance

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** regards as fundamental that all Governments as well as national and international economical and financial institutions to review the procedure of making National Accounting in order to recognise and account the economic value of women contribution in wealth production with their non-remunerated labour, specially domestic and family work.



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The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** believes to be indispensable to integrate a gender perspective in the evaluation of economic and social politics, namely by the adoption of gender sensitive budgets, in order to make women fully participate in all economic, social and political decision, and consequently achieve a real and effective women empowerment.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** debated, last October in Lisbon (Portugal) the theme “Women, Wars and Law”, and, on the subject of the 52nd C.S.W. Session review theme, has concluded to be essential for all States to implement National Action Plans in order to put into practice the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** considers all legal texts of International Humanitarian Law should be interpreted and applied with a gender perspective, meaning that it should be taken in consideration the difference of the impact that wars have upon women and men, in order to reduce the grade of violence against women.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** judges indispensable that all military and police personnel involved with Peace-keeping Missions should receive an education on a gender sensitive International Humanitarian Law.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** believes that the spread of the International Humanitarian Law favours respect for Human Rights.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** appeals to all States in order to effectively engage in the accomplishment of the International Criminal Court mandate.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** denounces the fact that the impunity of the authors of the atrocities made in war or of Human Rights violations has its origin in political and economical interests.



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The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** alerts that wars are searched for the profit resulting of weapons trade, of the reconstruction of the devastated countries and the exploitation of their resources.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** considers that the corporations and collective persons who are authors of economical aggression leading to war should be criminally responsible for their acts.