



**FÉDÉRATION  
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## **BARCELONA DECLARATION**

The, **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** held its XXII Congress, in Barcelona, Spain, from the 14th to the 16th of October 2015, under the topic "The body of women and fundamental rights", in which jurist women from all over the world have participated and have reached the following conclusions:

To consider the persistence of serious violations of fundamental rights of women, as a result of patriarchal ideology which treats the female body as an object to trade and of an international economic system that increasingly restricts the individual and social rights, promotes and feeds the mafias, and impoverishes a great sectors of world population, and increases inequality and gender discrimination.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** XXII Congress has discussed issues such as femicide, rape, female genital mutilation, laws on sexual and reproductive rights, including abortion, maternal surrogacy, the trafficking in women and children; false adoptions and sexual harassment in public and in the workplace.

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends international and national policy makers to implement international and national legal instruments to defend and promote the fundamental rights of women, with special reference to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women - CEDAW (1979) - the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women - Convention of Belem do Para (1994) – the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa – the Maputo Protocol (2003) - and the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence – the Istanbul Convention (2011).

In connection with the crime of femicide, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends the adoption of this criminal offense crime as specific legal type in all national legislations.

With regard to rape and female genital mutilation, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** demands an end to the widespread impunity for these crimes and the defense and social protection of victims.

On sexual and reproductive rights, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends its implementation respecting the dignity of women; while reiterating, as approved by the Council of Maputo (2008), that unsafe abortion is a humanitarian disaster.

In relation to trafficking in persons, especially women and girls, as well as false adoptions, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends to increase the resources devoted to prevention and repression and to fight against the mafias that take profit from these illegal businesses.

With regard to sexual harassment in the public and in the workplace, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends its criminalization, in order to defend the dignity of women, the fundamental right to the free development of their personality and their full integration in the public, social and professional life.

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