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BRASÍLIA DECLARATION

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** in its Enlarged Council Meeting, gathered in Brasilia, Brazil, from September 19th to the 23rd, in order to consider and debate the theme "Women's Human Rights - Hunger for Justice", declares:

- *Considering that in this 21st century the effective affirmation of Women Human Rights is an State issue, which is who has the duty to protect and guarantee these rights, promote gender equality and combat discrimination, violence and poverty ensuring access and effectively implementing of these fundamental rights.*
- *Considering the imposition of a universal vision that would ensure the full human dignity, including it in the international legal bodies.*
- *Considering that the exercise of justice should remove the historical barriers that violate the principles of liberty and equality.*
- *Considering that the participation of women in political life is essential to ensure international peace and security.*
- *Considering that the sociopolitical processes of participation of women in all spheres of decision and power must be strengthened, as the effective political competition of Women is essential for the implementation of economic, social and cultural rights.*



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- *Considering that the social division of labor becomes even mostly, traditionally, women imposing longer hours and lower salaries, these circumstances obstruct their personal, emotional and professional realization. Considering the continuing lack of recognition of the economic value of women's work at home, and also the lack of public policies to reconcile professional life with family life.*

- *Considering that in many countries and in flagrant violation of Human Rights of Women, poor public health policy regarding sexual and reproductive health of women has prevented good results in preventing pregnancy and termination of unwanted pregnancies. And also has allowed the spread of sexual diseases, and consequently has not decreased maternal and infant mortality.*

- *Considering that poverty is the cause and effect of all social ills and that the fight against hunger requires combating poverty, since it is very difficult to obtain in 2015 the Millennium Development Goal: reduction of 50% poverty and misery.*

- *Considering we are faced with environmental degradation due to the lack of policies for sustainable development.*

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends that:

1. *States that have ratified international legal instruments for the promotion and protection of Human Rights of Women, effectively adopt policies that lead to the real application, especially the Convention on the Elimination of all*



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Discrimination against Women and the Beijing Platform of Action.

2. *States that have not ratified these international legal instruments should do so in order to ensure justice.*

3. *States are obliged to respect the dignity of human beings as a fundamental principle of the democratic rule of law.*

4. *States should recognize the role of Women as an essential principle in Peace building and International Security.*

5. *The judiciary should assume as a priority a correct activity in procedural right to protect the fundamental principle of access to justice.*

6. *Formation of Women should be multidisciplinary, and treat all socio-political matters in order to ensure social change in the political participation of women is not a quantitative factor but a factor of improvement in political debate.*

7. *The governments of all the countries must implement affirmative action in order to guarantee the exercise of fundamental rights, especially for people in distress and socially vulnerable minorities.*

8. *Policies of improving public health systems must be carried out comprising the comprehensive protection of the health of women.*

9. *States should prioritize improving economic education of its citizens and guarantee access to land, water, technology, markets, credit and agricultural security, which make up the pillars of the struggle hunger and misery.*

10. *States, civil society, political parties, trade unions, pressure groups and all elements of society must engage effectively in the fight against hunger, poverty, fight corruption, a great obstacle to the achievement of these objectives.*



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11. *Effective cooperation among States South/South and North/South to the transmission of knowledge and technology, agricultural technology research to eradicate hunger.*

12. *Effective implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, with the aim of the survival of humanity.*

Brasilia, September 23rd, 2011