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### **DECLARATION OF PARIS**

The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** met during its XX Congress in Paris, from the 23rd to the 25th of September 2009, thought about and discussed the **Right to Peace** and declares:

1. That Peace is not only the absence of War, it is the establishment of conditions of economic, social and cultural development everywhere in the world, which make possible the exercise and enjoyment of all the Human Rights for Women and Men in Liberty and Equality.

2. Once again, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** notes the importance of the international juridical instruments, that we have now had for the last 60 years, of which the most important is the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women - CEDAW.

3. Consequently, the **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** sends an appeal to all the States who have ratified CEDAW to make effective and real its mandates.

4. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** commends the Heads of States and the Governments of the various countries that have signed and ratified the legal instruments for the promotion and protection of Women's Rights and notably the Protocol of Maputo.



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5. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** notes with regret the lack of respect by the States for the engagements that these States have undertaken under the terms of these Conventions.

6. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** wishes to remind the parties of the necessity to harmonise the internal legislations of all countries with CEDAW and the Protocol of Maputo, in order to obtain the rights recognized and guaranteed by the said Conventions.

7. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** exhorts the Heads of States and of Governments to respect all the engagements undertaken for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against Women.

8. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** exhorts them equally to direct the competent executive, legislative and judicial authorities to take all necessary means and to allocate adequate budgetary resources to effectively start the promotion and protection of the Rights of Women through these instruments.

9. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** commits itself, through its National Associations and its individual members, to aid and support the CEDAW Committee, especially in relation to the verification in the effective implementation of the engagements undertaken by the States who have ratified.



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10. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recognizes that despite the growing participation of women in decision-making at the political level and their increased presence at the level of the judiciary, they have still little relevance in the making of decisions at the economic and financial level.

11. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** reaffirms that in order to attain the Millennium Goals it will require the total eradication of all discrimination towards Women and their total participation in all decision-making process.

12. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** affirms that the right to food, the right to access to water, and to a healthy environment are fundamental Human Rights and appeals to all the States, as well as public and private entities to help create the conditions that lead to their exercise and enjoyment.

13. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** notes that a large and thorough social debate is needed on the great bioethical problems of the day in order to reach a new consensus and international agreements that will guarantee the Dignity, Liberty and Equality of all human beings.

14. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends the drafting of an international convention that will establish some new rules regarding financial transactions in order to give security and transparency to the financial markets,



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15. The **International Federation of Women in Legal Careers** recommends that all its members:

- *Develop the existing networks in order to reinforce the exchanges of experiences and of good practices;*
- *Exchange among each other the difficulties encountered in the application of the international legal instruments for the protection of Women;*
- *Maintain a durable and active solidarity among the members to strengthen and sustain the development programs in our respective countries;*
- *Solicit the help of partners in development to obtain lines of credit for F.I.F.C.J. and its affiliated Associations and the opening of a observation post for watches, alerts, follow ups, evaluations, and the effective application of international legal instruments.*

*Paris, 25 September 2009*