

## Proposed Resolution

### THE ROLE OF FAITH IN ENDING THE SUBJUGATION OF GIRLS AND WOMEN

*Proposed by the Finnish Federation of University Women*

*Seconded by: The New Dutch Association, reference to the email 18 Feb 2016*

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> GWI General Assembly resolves that:**

- 1. National Federations and Associations (NFAs) urge the respective religious leaders and communities in their countries to strongly and visibly promote the protection of girls and women, especially when they become victims of harmful traditions, religious beliefs and cultural practices;**
- 2. NFAs increase their efforts to ask and receive support from religious and traditional leaders to protect the human rights of girls and women and to safeguard their equal opportunities to reach their full potential;**
- 3. GWI encourages NFAs to promote and seek publicity for positive actions carried out by religious leaders and communities to protect the equal rights and dignity of girls and women;**
- 4. GWI utilizes its status with [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW), and the [Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women](#) (CEDAW), and other international bodies to assist in the implementation of this resolution; and**
- 5. GWI become the platform for continuous advocacy of the human rights of girls and women visibly supported by religious leaders and communities.**

#### **Suggested Plan of Action**

1. NFAs should urge the respective religious leaders and communities to promote the existing National and International laws related to protection of girls and women;
2. NFAs should coordinate with Human Rights organisations and other NGOs to raise awareness about possible manipulative use of religion to subjugate women e.g. disseminating views that women are inferior human beings in the eyes of God ;
3. NFAs should encourage academic research to examine the role and responsibility of faith to promote the dignity and human rights of girls and women;
4. NFAs should encourage local communities and the media to educate the citizens about positive outcomes of equality and human rights to the society; and
5. GWI should seek prominent contacts in the arena of religious leaders in order to bring the issue of faith and women's rights to greater public attention.

**Supporting Statement:**

<http://theelders.org/article/jimmy-carter-addresses-2009-parliament-worlds-religions>

[http://www.cartercenter.org/news/editorials\\_speeches/parliament-world-religions-120309.html](http://www.cartercenter.org/news/editorials_speeches/parliament-world-religions-120309.html)

<http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/programs/educating-religious-leaders-23>

## **Resolutions Submission Form**

**Title of Resolution: THE ROLE OF FAITH IN ENDING THE SUBJUGATION OF GIRLS AND WOMEN**

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> GWI General Assembly resolves:**

***Suggested Plan of Action:***

See the proposed resolution

***Supporting Statement:***

See the proposed resolution and attached email

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