

WIP GLOBAL SUMMIT 2016

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The Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) Jordan Summit 2016 Outcome Declaration

We, women in Parliaments, participating in the WIP Global Summit 2016 “Women in Politics – Fast Forward”, held in Amman on 4-6 May, organised by the Women in Parliaments Global Forum (WIP) and co-hosted by the Parliament of Jordan and the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and in partnership with the Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL), have gathered in Amman for the WIP Global Summit 2016 in Jordan, the first of its kind to be held in a Middle East North African (MENA) country, to define the power of parity, to explore strategies on how to increase the number and influence of women in Parliaments and to outline policies for how to accelerate progress;

Commend global progress made in terms of increasing the number of women in politics around the world, especially highlighting the MENA region, where women have been provided with new opportunities for increased political participation; especially applauding the region’s steady increase in women’s representation in politics from 7 % in 2005 to 18% today; supporting positive trends visible in countries around the MENA region where the activity and influence of women in public life is rising;

Reaffirm the importance of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and the important role women play in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction and stress the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security;

Express concern about the difficult challenges faced by all refugees in the Middle East, Europe and around the world, especially female refugees; and encourage female Parliamentarian colleagues to advocate and design gender-sensitive integration policies that improve the conditions for all members of society;

Welcome the idea that women’s economic empowerment and workforce participation should be addressed by strengthening linkages between education, employment, entrepreneurship, digital skills and health;

Announce that a global WIP Working Council on “Healthy Women, Healthy Economies” has been set up to focus on the link between women’s economic empowerment and health, ensuring that Parliaments systematically advocate women’s economic empowerment, by addressing health and social policies and;

We, women in Parliaments, commit ourselves to “fast forward” progress for all women in the world to create inclusive and participatory societies for all.

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