

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S YEAR

The Declaration of Mexico

Some of the Principles of Mexico's  
World Conference

1. Equality between women and men means equality in their dignity and worth as human beings as well as equality in their rights, opportunities and responsibilities .
7. The right of women to work , to receive equal pay for work of equal value to be provided with equal conditions and opportunities for advancement in work, and all other women's rights to full and satisfying economic activity are strongly reaffirmed .
10. Equality of rights carries with it corresponding responsibilities; it is therefore a duty of women to make full use of opportunities available to them and to perform their duties to the family, the country and humanity .
- 12..Every couple and every individual has the right to decide freely and responsibly whether or not to have children as well as to determine their number and spacing, and to have information, education and means to do so .
- 13..Respect for human dignity encompasses the right of every woman to decide freely for herself whether or not to contract matrimony.
18. The present state of international economic relations poses serious obstacle to a

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more efficient utilizations of all human and material potential for accelerated development and for the improvement of living standards in developing countries aimed at the elimination of hunger , child mortality , unemployment , illiteracy, ignorance and backwardness , which concern all of humanity and women in particular. It is therefore essential to establish and implement with urgency the New International Economic Order of which the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States constitutes a basic element founded on equity, sovereign equality, interdependence , common interest , co-operation among all States irrespective of their social and economic systems, on the principles of peaceful co-existence and on the promotion

by the International community of economic and social progress of all countries, especially developing countries .

28. Women all over the world should unite to eliminate violations of human rights committed against women and girls such as : rape , prostitution , physical assault , mental cruelty , child marriage , forced marriage and marriage as a commercial transaction .
29. Peace requires that women as well as men should reject any type of intervention in the domestic affairs of States, whether it be openly or covertly carried on by other States or by transnational corporation .
30. Women as well as men should promote real, general and complete disarmament under effective international control , starting with nuclear disarmament .