

International Day of Human Rights, And the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women December 10, 1991

The Lebanese Association For Human Rights undertook a series of public lectures and press conferences, on the occasion of the International Day of Human Rights. The main issue raised was to reiterate the demand for Lebanon to sign the women's rights treaty for the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. The treaty was passed twelve years ago and so far 109 countries signed and some ratified it. Many have just begun to live up to their obligations by examining laws and policies and reporting to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). But, Lebanon is not one of these countries.

Lawyer Laure Moghaizel, one of the founders of the Association and an active feminist gave a lecture on the issue at Beirut University



College in addition to a number cultural centers, educational establishments and the media. Lawyer Moghaizel's insistence on this symbolic signature is often questioned by those who feel that this legislative discrimination is not predominant in practice. Lawyer

Moghaizel usually answers by asking, in return, why should the legislation be irrelevant to reality, if that is the case? Hence, the refusal to officially administer the rights of women and eliminate discrimination hinders progress and development for women in society •

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Looking Beyond Equality: The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

January 20, 1992
Doral Tuscany Hotel, New York

With a world human rights conference scheduled for 1993 and a world women's conference in 1995, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination -Against Women takes on a new importance. This Women's human rights treaty is the major international instrument that defines their right to equality and the path to social justice.

The International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAP) hosted a seminar on January 20, 1992 in New York. This seminar was designed for concerned citizens -- including faculty and students-- interested in international law, development, governance and human rights who want to learn more about the Convention's history, principles, and how it is being used.

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