



**International Congress
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Declaration of the International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses

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Today in Dublin, Ireland, the International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses held its inaugural meeting. As members of women's parliamentary caucuses and cross-party groups in parliaments around the world, we came together to learn from each other, to strengthen global ties and to share information key to tackling issues which affect women across the globe. Women represent more than half of the world's population and we are committed to work in order to build a fair society for all.

We are committed to working across party and ideological lines in pursuit of gender equality goals, to increase the capacity and influence of women parliamentarians, and to lobby for adequate budgetary allocations for gender policies and for gender-equal reforms in political and parliamentary rules and procedures.

We are committed to equalising women's political representation and furthering women's policy interests at a global, national and local level.

We are committed to bridging the gap between women's civil society groups and the formal political system.

And most importantly, we are committed to advancing empowerment, equality, safety, security, dignity and respect for all women in every country in every aspect of life.

Today, in Dublin, the Congress committed to the following:

- 1) working towards the establishment of a Women's Caucus in every parliament by 2020;
- 2) the creation of a network of women's caucuses which can meet on a regular basis to further the aims of the Congress;
- 3) that all parliaments encourage the continuity of their caucuses by investing in institutional memory and adequate resourcing which would support their work;
- 4) that each caucus would develop a clear plan of action aimed at influencing policies and actions which encourage greater participation by women in politics and other areas of relevance to each society;
- 5) that each caucus would strengthen links with civil society groups working in areas that affect women;
- 6) that each caucus and parliamentarian will continue to strive in their representative roles to improve the lives of women throughout the world.

Attendees at the International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses