



International Meeting and 2nd Intermediate Congress of EFUCA "Global Ethics and Equal Opportunities: Women's Contribution to the Development of Europe and the Mediterranean"

Declaration of Turin, adopted on 13th September 2014

We, the representatives of Clubs, Centres and Associations for UNESCO, Non-Governmental Organizations, Foundations and Academic Institutions, coming from sixteen countries – Belarus, China, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Morocco, Nigeria, Romania, Serbia, Somalia, Spain, Tunisia, U.S.A. – assembled in Turin, Italy on 11th – 14th September 2014 during the International Meeting "Global Ethics and Equal Opportunities: Women's Contribution to the Development of Europe and the Mediterranean" within the framework of the 2nd Intermediate Congress of EFUCA, organized by the UNESCO Centre in Turin in collaboration with the European Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (EFUCA) with the adhesion of the President of the Italian Republic and the Government of Italy, the Municipality and the Prefecture of Turin, the Local Authorities in Piedmont, the private sector and the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA) with the patronage of UNESCO and the Italian National Commission for UNESCO and European Commission,

Bearing in mind the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, in particular Article 1 and the right to the birth registration for each child, the ideals and the UNESCO Action Plan regarding Gender Equality and Equal Opportunities between men and women, girls and boys and strategic Millennium Development Goals, *UN Millennium Development Goals 2015*,

Considering the specific engagement of the Director General of UNESCO, Irina Bokova, for the realization of Gender Equality, through the training of present and future generations for the promotion of multicultural dialogue, mutual understanding and the rapprochement of cultures,

Recalling the *Declarations on Global Ethics* of WFUCA, the *Florence Declaration on the Proclamation of the International Day for Global Ethics*, adopted in Florence, Italy, on 11th March 2013, and the *Astana Declaration on Global Ethics*, adopted in Astana, Kazakhstan, on 23rd August 2013,

Emphasizing the importance of the UNESCO programmes for Education for All and the promotion of a Culture of Peace and the Sustainable Development and Gender Equality,

Underlining that Education is indispensable for all in order to make citizens aware and responsible in promoting communication, global interaction, cooperation and partnership to develop positive attitudes and programmes to meet global challenges such as Gender Equality, Gender based discrimination, Global immigration, Poverty, illiteracy and the economic crisis,

Considering and evaluating the outcome of the plenary sessions, workshops and discussions of the International Meeting "Global Ethics and Equal Opportunities: Women's Contribution to the Development of Europe and the Mediterranean" and specifically on the themes: women and nutrition, women and culture and women and violences,



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Reaffirming the adhesion to the following documents:

- the CEDAW Convention, on the elimination of any form of discrimination against women (1979)
- the *Belem do Paro Inter-American Convention* on the Prevention, Prosecution and Elimination of Violence Against Women (1994)
- Beijing Platform for Action, on Human Rights of women (1995)
- the Additional Maputo Protocol of the African Charter on Women and Peoples Rights, in relation to the Rights of Women in Africa (2003)
- the *Istanbul Convention* on the Prevention and Fight Against Violence towards Women and Domestic Violences (2011)

Encouraging and promoting awareness on the importance of Gender Equality and the role of women in research for sustainable development and in the realization of strategic Millennium Development Goals, in particular Article 3: "*Promote gender equality and empower women*"

Stressing the necessity to establish gender mainstreaming, responsive policies towards gender to encourage the development of norms, values and behaviours for a more inclusive and equitable society, based on democratic values and the rule of law, referring to the Recommendations of the UN General Assembly and UNESCO *Post-2015 Development Agenda*.

We declare our commitment to:

- Continue our action of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations worldwide, for the promotion of Human Rights, multicultural Dialogue, mutual knowledge and understanding. In particular the European Federation will promote education and training Programmes for women and men, girls and boys in order to guarantee Equal Opportunities for all,
- Promote Education to Sustainable Development and post 2015 Programmes, asking the respect of Equal Opportunities and equal participation of women and men in decision-making positions, as well as in science and technology,
- 3) **Implement**, in cooperation with the media, programmes addressed primarily to strengthen positive visibility of women and eliminate:
 - gender stereotypes regarding the role of women and men both in society and in everyday life:
 - any kind of gender based violation.
- 4) **Further declare** our commitment to strengthen the ties established thanks to this International Meeting through global partnerships and cooperation, through joint programmes which realize the above mentioned values,
- 5) We address to UNESCO, to its Director General Irina Bokova, to National Federations of Clubs, Centres and Associations for UNESCO, to the President of NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee Patrick Gallaud, to Governments, National assemblies and Parliaments, to work together with us, WFUCA and EFUCA, in raising awareness in the civil society and circulate the present Declaration in order to be effective based on specific programmes with periodical evaluation procedures.

The present Declaration has been approved by unanimity of the participants Turin, Italy, 13th September 2014

The signatories are the participants coming from:

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