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# Defence and Support of the United Nations and the Urgency to Proceed with its Reform

In keeping with the historical trajectory of WILPF, which was founded in 1915 in The Hague, proposing global governance resolutions for the achievement of permanent peace, and which therefore has in its DNA the defence of international law and institutions,

Recognising the situation of crisis affecting this institution, diminished in some of its structures (Security Council, Human Rights Council, UN Women and other agencies), capacities and reach due to:

1. Ideological confrontation and conflicting interests between countries aspiring to world hegemony;
2. Bellicist policies and actions that disregard international legality implemented by current leaders of confronting powers; and
3. The withdrawal of funds by powers such as the United States of America, which have been and continue to be key to financing its operations, as well as their actions that undermine the operability of the mandate on peace, human rights and development,

Considering that the United Nations was founded on 24 October 1945 by 51 countries (while today there are 195 recognised Member States and Observer States), in a colonial world that left out of its definition and structure two continents—Africa and Latin America—whose countries today legitimately demand their inclusion, along with a general democratisation of functioning and institutional structure,

The 34th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting from 18 to 20 July 2026, adopts this resolution and makes the following recommendations:

- Demands that UN Member States maintain a strong and consistent commitment to the defence of international law and institutions and that they support and make effective the resolutions that are adopted.
- Requires UN Member States to fulfil their financial commitments to the organisation and thus guarantee the sustainability of the multilateral system.
- Defends the urgency of working towards a reform of the UN that is democratising and inclusive, taking into account not only all existing countries today but also social movements, including the pacifist feminist movement.

- Commits to working in this direction, advocating with governments, raising awareness among its members and participating in the reform efforts that are called for.
- Commits to strengthening the participation of its members in groups working on the requested reform.

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# On Palestine, the Genocidal Policy of the State of Israel and the Responsibility of the International Community

Within the framework of the historic Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory, designed at the time as part of a colonial project, the Netanyahu government used the violent attack against the Israeli population perpetrated by Hamas on 7 October 2023 — an attack which WILPF strongly condemns—to intensify violence against the Palestinian population in Gaza and inflict collective punishment. This violence, which extends to the West Bank and Lebanon and has resulted in the death of more than 73,000 Palestinian people and tens of thousands of wounded, has been increasingly denounced and condemned as genocide.

Considering that Israel's response falls within the terms specified in the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, approved by the UN General Assembly on 12 December 1948 and which entered into force on 12 January 1951,

Reaffirming our commitment to previous resolutions adopted by WILPF, **including the resolution passed at the 30th Congress in Costa Rica (2011)**, which reiterated recognition of and support for the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination and the right of return, as well as the implementation of key United Nations resolutions, and which reaffirmed support for the international Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel.

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- Denounces the policies of genocide, colonisation, occupation and apartheid imposed on the Palestinian people by the State of Israel, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, with the support of United States of America under Donald Trump and the silence of a majority of countries.
- Demands that signatory countries to the Convention against Genocide act coherently and adopt practical sanctions measures against the State of Israel including to end all military trade and cooperation.

- Urges Member States of the United Nations to defend the rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination, as well as their freedoms and human security.
- Commits to working in this direction, advocating with governments, raising awareness among its members and encouraging them to work in platforms, alliances and initiatives aimed at achieving the above points, whether led by WILPF or by other organizations.
- Commits to remain steadfast in the defense of the rights of Palestinian women and all its people to live free from violence in a free Palestine through the various international bodies in which it participates.
- Demands that all sexual violence perpetrated against Palestinian women and girls in this context of war, perpetrated by Israeli soldiers, as another weapon of war be investigated, and victims receive the needed support and justice.

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# End Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan

In a context of hardening European migration policy with the entry into force of the Migration and Asylum Pact, which represents a violation of the rights of migrant persons, reinforces control of external borders, and accelerates the returns of refugees and migrants based on harsh regulations that allow the creation of deportation centres outside Europe, a team from the European Commission and representatives of 15 Member States met in June 2026 with a delegation of Afghan Taliban in Brussels to advance on how to increase deportations to Afghanistan, despite the violations of human rights occurring in this country.

Considering that the Taliban regime has imposed in Afghanistan a system of structural discrimination against women and girls, expelling them from secondary and university education, employment, public life, political participation, and basic spaces of personal autonomy. This exclusion policy constitutes an extreme form of gender apartheid and a systematic violation of the human rights of millions of Afghan women and girls. Afghan women live under a regime that controls their bodies, their movements, their education, their work, their public voice, and their future possibilities.

Considering that any engagement with the Taliban must have the purpose of advancing women's rights and human rights in general and must not confer political legitimacy or normalise a regime that Europe does not formally recognise, and that the form and conditions of any meeting, technical dialogue, or political process must remain consistent with the European Union's foundational values of human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.

Considering that Europe and the wider international community have a political and moral responsibility to those who defended education, equality, human rights, freedom of expression, and women's participation in public life in Afghanistan, and must listen to Afghan women's organisations and act upon their proposals.

Considering that the rights of Afghan women are non-negotiable and cannot be subordinated to migration control, counterterrorism, counternarcotics, geopolitical, security, or other strategic interests.

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- Expresses its solidarity with Afghan women and girls and recognises their resistance against a regime that seeks to erase their presence from public life.

- Demands the European Union and its Member States to maintain a firm position of non-recognition and non-normalisation of the Taliban regime as long as systematic discrimination against Afghan women and girls persists.
- Calls European countries and the international community to expressly require the full restoration of the rights of Afghan women and girls to education, work, freedom of movement, public and political participation, and a life free from violence and coercion.
- Demands that policies of Member States of the European Union and the international community towards Afghanistan be guided by human rights, gender equality, international protection, and accountability, and not by a restrictive logic of migration control, counterterrorism or counter narcotics.
- Demands that the European Union, its Member States, and the wider international community strengthen political, financial, and diplomatic support for diverse Afghan women's organisations, both within the country and in exile, and guarantee their full, equal, and meaningful participation in all discussions and processes concerning Afghanistan's present and future. Calls on governments and international leaders not to participate in processes that exclude Afghan women.
- Demands recognition of Afghan women human rights defenders, journalists, judges, prosecutors, teachers, students, activists, and former public officials as priority groups for international protection.
- Calls on all countries, international institutions, and feminist and peace movements to stand in active solidarity with Afghan women and girls, with particular responsibility resting on NATO member states that participated in the invasion and military occupation of Afghanistan, and to support Afghan women's demands for rights, justice, protection, and accountability.
- Calls on donors to design and fund innovative, low-visibility financing mechanisms — such as anonymised pooled funds, trusted intermediaries, and flexible core grants — tailored to the sensitivity and risk profile of women's activities inside Afghanistan, rather than requiring visibility and public reporting that can jeopardize beneficiaries.

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# Strengthening Prevention through Feminist Climate Preparedness and Resilience

The 34th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting from 18 to 20 July 2026, adopts this resolution and resolves that the Demand Ecological Justice Global Priority within the International Programme 2026–2029 be strengthened through taking the following action:

Promote feminist approaches to disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, anticipatory action, early warning systems and resilience-building, ensuring that women, Indigenous Peoples and marginalised communities are recognised as leaders in preparedness, emergency response, recovery and long-term adaptation.

## INTRODUCTION

The WILPF International Programme 2026–2029 places prevention, ecological justice and human security at the heart of its vision for permanent peace. This resolution seeks to strengthen those commitments by recognising preparedness and resilience-building as essential preventative approaches to the growing impacts of climate change.

Climate-related disasters are becoming increasingly severe and interconnected, with floods, droughts, wildfires, heatwaves and storms triggering compound and cascading risks across communities, economies and across borders. These events contribute to food, water and energy insecurity, disruption of health services and critical infrastructure, loss of livelihoods, displacement and migration, and wider humanitarian impacts. They can exacerbate inequalities, intensify social tensions, increase the risk of conflict, and undermine human security, particularly for women, Indigenous Peoples and other marginalised communities.

Building resilience requires feminist approaches to disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, anticipatory action, early warning systems and resilience-building that reduce risk before disasters occur and strengthen preparedness, emergency response, recovery and long-term adaptation. Women, Indigenous Peoples and other marginalised communities should be recognised as leaders and equal partners in designing and implementing these approaches through inclusive, community-led and non-militarised solutions.

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This resolution supports WILPF's commitments to prevention, ecological justice, nonviolence, feminist peacebuilding and human security. It is aligned with WILPF's Aim and Principle 1.b.ix 'to identify, encourage, develop, and support environmentally sustainable societies.' It aims to strengthen implementation of the International Programme and does not seek to introduce a new strategic direction or make changes to the International Programme

Who is the resolution addressed to: WILPF International Congress, International Board, International Secretariat, and all WILPF Sections and Groups.

Following adoption, the International Secretariat and International Board should incorporate feminist climate preparedness and resilience perspective into WILPF's work on ecological justice. Sections would be encouraged to integrate these approaches into their climate justice and peacebuilding work, according to local priorities and capacities, with progress considered during the next review of the International Programme.

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# Consultation Process to Create a WILPF Inclusion Policy

WILPF's feminism is intersectional, decolonial and inclusive. Intersectional feminism is a framework that recognises how different aspects of a person's identity, such as gender, race, age, class, socioeconomic status, disability and sexual orientation, overlap and intersect to create unique systems of discrimination, disadvantage and oppression. We welcome gender diversity and recognise that men, trans and non-binary rights are integral to, and contribute to the feminist peace movement. WILPF is committed to working in solidarity across different networks, especially with partner LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex and Asexual with + signifying other diverse communities) and anti-racism organisations, to end inequality, discrimination and violence.

To embed these aims and principles, we propose the Secretariat undertake a consultation process to create an Inclusion Policy which incorporates WILPF's June 2023 Commitment to LGBTQIA rights1, the 2022 Commitment to becoming an anti-racist organisation2 and YWILPF advocacy. This process should include updating WILPF's Code of Conduct (integrating text on trans inclusion) and any other relevant policies, raise awareness and socialise the new policy across Membership and Sections and integrate any new commitments into WILPF campaigning and advocacy.

## INTRODUCTION

This resolution follows on from the critical efforts in past years across WILPF to respond to the impact of racism and colonialism and ensure WILPF contributes to an inclusive, feminist, anti-militaristic peace movement. This ad hoc resolution relates to the global political context where WILPF UK and many other Sections have been challenged with how to work in feminist solidarity with trans and non-binary people,

[1] Refer to: https://www.wilpf.org/united-for-change-wilpfs-unyielding-commitment-to-lgbtqi-rights-and-peace/
[2] Refer to: https://www.wilpf.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/WILPFs-commitment-to-becoming-an-anti-racist-movement.pdf

particularly given the global backlash on gender equality and trans and non-binary rights. The global backlash and binary, conservative views on gender identity and gender rights are a fundamental threat to WILPF's aims and principles as stated in the WILPF International Programme (2026-29). This ad hoc resolution makes clear WILPF's position on inclusion and ensures that we welcome gender diversity and recognise that trans and non-binary rights are integral to the feminist peace movement. The implication of the resolution is that WILPF recognises that violence against women, homophobia, transphobia and racism are all rooted in misogyny, patriarchy and colonialism.

This resolution is aligned with WILPF's Aim and Principle 1.b.viii: "to identify and address the intersectional nature of women's struggle".

The resolution is addressed to: International Secretariat, International Board and all Sections and Members.

The 34th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting from 18 to 20 July 2026, adopts this resolution and makes the following recommendations:

The Secretariat to lead a consultative process on inclusion across WILPF to create a new Inclusion Policy, incorporate this into existing policies, socialise any changes and integrate any new commitments into WILPF campaigning and advocacy.

This resolution is related to the current inclusion policy. Current policies are not specific or clear enough in language and intent to ensure that WILPF's feminism approach to peacebuilding is intersectional and inclusive. This work may result in new policy directions by deepening and nuancing the way we work in solidarity with others.

The Secretariat should lead a global consultation with all Members / Sections about what information, resources and approaches are required to embed intersectional inclusion across WILPF. This should cumulate in an Inclusion Policy, and a process socialising this document with all Sections and Members.

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# Condemning US Warfare on Cuba

Reason for WILPF Congress to approve: Current US foreign policy on Cuba is violating international human rights laws and resulting in unprecedented hardships and avoidable deaths. While there is an outcry from the international community, the warfare of the US oil embargo and related unilateral coercive economic measures against Cuba remain in place as well as US threats of economic sanctions against any country that attempts to break the embargo. Cubans are dying because other countries fear and observe US sanctions.

## INTRODUCTION

This resolution addresses human rights of Cuban citizens and corresponding humanitarian responsibilities of global citizens. It engages WILPF principles deploring military aggression and unilateral coercive economic measures and joins WILPF's foundational principle of feminist peacebuilding. The threat of a US war against Cuban sovereignty is very real. Cubans are isolated and dying because other countries fear and observe US sanctions.

WHEREAS WILPF Congress has a long record of support for Cuba's sovereignty and self-determination and for lifting the US blockade of Cuba, as captured in Resolutions adopted in 1962, 1980, 1995, 2004, and 2007;

WHEREAS deadly circumstances exist currently in the form of US warfare against Cuba exhibited by imposition of unilateral coercive economic measures and military aggression;

WHEREAS the effects of the economic, commercial and financial blockade of Cuba involve threats to countries supplying petroleum and all goods to Cuba and increased threats and economic coercive measures declared in May 2026 applying to third

countries and commercial entities that carry out otherwise normal economic transactions with Cuba, the results are isolation of Cuba from global community, incapacitation of Cuban economy and livelihood, food insecurity, compromised healthcare and deaths; and

WHEREAS the findings of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk have declared "The fuel restrictions imposed since early 2026 and recent tightening of extraterritorial sanctions, taken together, are directly harming Cubans, especially the most vulnerable. Children are dying because doctors lack access to essential medical supplies and medicines. This is unacceptable. These sanctions must be lifted immediately.... Such severe sanctions packages that target entire sectors of an economy and produce broad, indiscriminate, and harsh effects on populations are incompatible with basic principles of international human rights law";

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THEREFORE we call upon all nations, governments, and private sector actors, as well as humanitarian agencies, to restore and maintain normal trade, diplomatic, and operational relations with Cuba in spite of US threats, in line with the UN High Commissioner's advice that "companies have human rights responsibilities" and his call for "business entities and institutions to avoid overcompliance and blanket disengagement, in accordance with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights"; and

THEREFORE we call upon WILPF members globally to demand that their governments take positions and actions consistent with human rights responsibilities to Cuba, and we encourage WILPF Sections and members to actively join the International No War on Cuba campaign.

**Originally proposed by: WILPF Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee, WILPF Disarm Issues Committee, WILPF US**

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# Ending Wars, Dismantling Systems of Oppression, and Advancing Feminist Peace: A Global Call to Transform Power, Justice, and Security

We, members and delegates of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), gathered at the 34th Congress,

Guided by WILPF's founding principles and its historic leadership in advancing peace, justice, and demilitarisation,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda, established by UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions,

Recalling international human rights and humanitarian law, including the universality and indivisibility of human rights,

Deeply concerned by the escalation, normalisation, and protraction of armed conflicts globally, and their devastating and gendered impacts,

Recognizing that wars are not isolated events but are sustained by interconnected systems of oppression, including patriarchy, militarism, racism, economic inequality, and colonial legacies,

Alarmed by the global rise in militarisation, shrinking civic space, and the erosion of multilateralism,

Recognizing the leadership of feminist, grassroots, and peace movements worldwide in preventing conflict and building sustainable peace,

Acknowledging relevant regional and international frameworks that advance gender equality and peace including, inter alia, African, European, Inter-American, and other regional instruments

Affirming the urgent need to redefine security through a human security and feminist peace lens,

## 1. Calls for an Immediate End to Armed Conflicts

Urges all parties to conflicts worldwide to declare immediate ceasefires, and engage in setting roadmaps for de-escalation of conflicts and inclusive and sustained peace processes;

Calls for strict compliance with international humanitarian and human rights law;

## 2. Calls for Structural Transformation

Demands the dismantling of systems that sustain violence and inequality, including militarism, patriarchy, racism, and exploitative economic systems;

Calls for addressing root causes of conflict, including inequality, exclusion, and resource injustice;

## 3. Reaffirms the Centrality of the WPS Agenda

Calls for accelerated, fully funded, and accountable implementation of UNSCR 1325 and subsequent resolutions;

Demands the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in all peace and security processes;

## 4. Advances Feminist Peace and Human Security

Calls for a shift from militarised and state-centric security paradigms to human security grounded in rights, justice, care, and sustainability;

Urges states to protect humanitarian spaces, counter dehumanisation, and prioritise International Humanitarian Law

Encourages investment in social infrastructure, including health, education, and climate resilience;

## 5. Calls for Disarmament and Demilitarisation

Urges substantial reductions in global military spending and reallocation toward human development;

Supports international disarmament efforts, including nuclear disarmament and arms control;

## 6. Strengthens Accountability and Justice

Calls for accountability for all violations of international law, including conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence;

Supports survivor-centered justice and reparations;

## 7. Supports Feminist and Grassroots Movements

Calls for sustained, flexible, and accessible funding for feminist and women-led organisations globally;

Recognizes their central role in conflict prevention, mediation, and peacebuilding;

## 8. Addresses Intersecting Global Crises

Recognizes the interlinkages between conflict, climate change, economic inequality, and displacement;

Calls for integrated, gender-responsive responses to these crises;

## 9. Calls for Renewal of Multilateralism

Advocates for inclusive, democratic, and accountable global governance institutions;

Calls for strengthening multilateral cooperation grounded in justice, equality, and solidarity;

## CONCLUSION

We affirm that sustainable peace requires systemic transformation, not incremental reform.

We commit to advancing a feminist vision of peace that challenges power asymmetries, dismantles systems of oppression, and centers justice, dignity, and collective security for all.

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**Originally proposed by: WILPF Cameroon, Sylvie Jacqueline Ndongmo, President, International Board and K. Margrethe KVAM, President, UNO Board**

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# Emergency Resolution for Actions to Aid Venezuela's Recovery from Disaster

## INTRODUCTION

This resolution calls for the US government to respond to the emergency of Venezuela earthquake disaster recovery with genuinely humanitarian actions that respect and restore Venezuela's sovereignty and assets, and to end illegal unilateral coercive measures that make humanitarian emergencies more severe. It further calls for broad international support for these actions.

WHEREAS WILPF is founded in opposition to militarism and on 6 January 2026 issued a Statement on the United States Armed Attack on Venezuela, condemning this attack as a criminal violation of international law that undermines sovereignty, self-determination, and collective human security under the UN Charter, and further condemning the long history of US imperial intervention in Latin America, and also calling on the international community to uphold international law, reject militarisation, address oil-driven aggression, and stand in solidarity with the Venezuelan people and their right to determine their own future;

WHEREAS the ability of the Venezuelan nation to respond fully to its current national disaster is cruelly limited by damages from years of restrictions, threats and sanctions imposed by the US government and by the sequestration of Venezuelan assets, all of which are violations of national sovereignty;

The 34th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting from 18 to 20 July 2026, adopts this resolution and makes the following recommendations:

THEREFORE we call on the US government to fully and permanently end all unilateral coercive measures and to lift all sanctions on Venezuela; to restore Venezuela's oil revenues to the Venezuelan government; and to free President Nicolás Maduro and First Lady Cilia Flores from the US jail where they are being held illegally as political prisoners;

THEREFORE we call on all nations, governments and private sector actors to unfreeze all of Venezuela's overseas assets, including billions in gold and other currencies held at the Bank of England and elsewhere; and

THEREFORE we call upon all WILPF members globally to demand that their governments take positions and actions consistent with these demands and principles.

THEREFORE we call upon the United States to limit its interference in the autonomy and sovereignty of the peoples of Latin America, and that it put an end to its violent practices and its rhetoric that incites hatred and prioritises war on the continent.

**Originally proposed by WILPF US and WILPF US committees: Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issues Committee; Disarm Issues Committee**

## ANNEX

Reason for WILPF Congress to approve the Emergency Resolution:

On June 24, 2026, two massive earthquakes struck Venezuela. Over 3000 deaths and 12,000 injured plus tens of thousands of people still missing mark a tragic catastrophe for a country already suffering devastating US occupation. Estimates of economic loss from the earthquakes exceed $10 billion. Many countries, including the US, have contributed aid to Venezuela, but this recent natural disaster follows years of US violations of international human rights laws, and years of deadly US sanctions and unilateral coercive measures that have gravely eroded Venezuelan infrastructure and capacity for disaster response.

As outlined in WILPF's 8 January 2026 "Statement on the United States Armed Attack on Venezuela," additional US violations include the kidnapping and ongoing US incarceration of Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro and political leader First Lady Cilia Flores; the bombing and invasion of Venezuela on January 3, 2026, hundreds of extrajudicial killings in Venezuela's territorial waters, and theft of Venezuelan assets. In line with the January statement, WILPF should demand once again, in the face of this

current emergency, that the US immediately end all unilateral coercive measures and release Venezuela's frozen sovereign assets for earthquake relief and reconstruction.

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# Resolution Calling The state of Israel to Release Dr. Husam Abu Safiyyah and Palestinian Prisoner Marwan Barghouti

## INTRODUCTION

Guided by the principles of human dignity, justice, peace and freedom, and respect for international human rights and humanitarian law;

Recalling the obligation of the international community to uphold the protection of human rights, the rule of law, and the rights of all individuals deprived of their liberty;

Recognising the humanitarian and professional role of Dr. Husam Abu Safiyyah, a physician who has dedicated his life to saving human lives and serving his community, and expressing concern over his continued detention and the circumstances surrounding his imprisonment; as his lawyer visited him 2 July 2026 and gave reports that there is an imminent threat to his life as a result of torture and other ill-treatment he has been suffering while in Israeli custody; since then there has been a global campaign calling for his release.

Affirming that medical professionals must be protected in accordance with international humanitarian principles and that all prisoners are entitled to humane treatment, due process, and respect for their inherent dignity;

Expressing deep concern over the continued detention of Palestinian political leader Marwan Barghouti, who has spent more than twenty-four years in Israeli prisons, and whose prolonged imprisonment remains a matter of profound international concern. Barghouti is a political leader, recognised by many actors and countries, who have called for his release over the years. It is urgent that we call for his release as an important political leader in Palestine, in the coming negotiations for peace;

Expressing grave concern regarding reports of violence and ill-treatment against Palestinian prisoners, including reports concerning Marwan Barghouti's recent shooting and injury while in prison, and emphasising the urgent need for independent investigation, accountability, and protection of prisoners' fundamental rights;

## CONCLUSION

This resolution represents a humanitarian appeal and a call of conscience to the international community to act with responsibility, courage, and commitment to universal human rights principles. The protection of human dignity and the pursuit of justice remain essential foundations for any genuine and lasting peace.

**Originally proposed by: WILPF Sections of Italy, Palestine and Lebanon**

## ANNEX

**Background**

There is an emergency global campaign initiated after 2 July for the release of **Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya**, a Palestinian pediatrician, when a lawyer from *Physician for Human Rights Israel* who visited him at the **underground** detention facility Rakevet, reported that there is an imminent threat to Dr. Safiya's life, as a result of torture and other ill treatments he has been subject to while in Israeli custody. This proposal is for WILPF to join this emergency action to demand his release.

There is an urgent need to strengthen Palestinian leadership, and we also ask for the release of **Marwan Barghouti** a Palestinian member of Parliament and leading Fatah leader, detained over the past 24 years, also in inhumane conditions in Israeli prisons, Barghouti is one of the most prominent Palestinian voices and his release is demanded by numerous national and international supporters as well as politicians around the

world, including The Elders. Nicknamed the “Palestinian Mandela”, Barghouti has always advocate for dialogue with the Israelis, while embodies hopes of resistance and liberation for his people. Last week, at Ganot Prison in the Negev Desert, a prison guard struck the Palestinian leader in the leg with a rubber bullet. The family was informed by Barghouti’s attorney, Avigdor Feldman, who reported that the prisoner had not received any medical treatment. The Arab League has called for a commission of inquiry into “the repeated attacks” against Barghouti. Barghouti was re-elected to Fatah’s Central Committee this year, receiving the highest number of votes.

Since 7 October 2023, the Israeli army has killed about 1,700 medical workers and detained hundreds more, subjecting them to deadly torture. There are campaigns across the globe for their release, although this might not be seen as an emergency appeal, we would propose including it in the statement.

We call for the immediate and unconditional release of Marwan Barghouti and Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya. Pending their release, we request that they are fully protected from abuse, granted adequate medical care and allowed immediate access to independent monitors, including the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC).

**To be sent to:**

- The authorities of Israel

- The authorities of Palestine

- UN Secretary General,

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

- UN Human Rights Council

- UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

- UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in the occupied Palestinian Territories

- UN Special Rapporteur on the rights to health

- President of the UN General Assembly

- Member States of the UN General Assembly (to be distributed through the Presidency to the member states' Permanent Representatives)

- Member states of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

- The Elders Group

- National authorities in countries with WILPF National Sections

**Follow-up procedures and responsibilities:**

The three sections proposing the statement, Italy, Palestine, Lebanon, will form an ad-hoc group to follow up on information on the release of the prisoners mentioned in collaboration with the International Campaign for the Release of Marwan Barghouti and All Palestinian Prisoners (more than 10,000 people held captive and tortured in Israeli prisons).

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# Emergency Resolution Condemning US Warfare on Iran

## INTRODUCTION

This resolution addresses the human rights of Iranian civilians, the principle of state sovereignty, and the responsibilities of intergovernmental organisations, global civil society, and progressive organisations with respect to the violations of international law in the ongoing US war against Iran, which began in 2025. The resolution engages WILPF principles deploring military aggression and unilateral coercive economic measures and joins WILPF's foundational principle of feminist peacebuilding.

This commitment also requires recognising the ongoing struggle of Iranian women and civil society for democracy, gender equality, and human rights, and opposing all forms of violence, including state repression.

WHEREAS the 28 February 2026 US attack on a primary school in Minab, southern Iran, resulting in the deaths of 156 persons, including 120 children, is a war crime;

WHEREAS the US has attacked such civilian infrastructure as ports, airports, bridges, power plants, cultural heritage sites, universities, hospitals, sports buildings, homes, and even a synagogue (in March 2026), again constituting war crimes;

WHEREAS US threats of retaliation for third-party trade with Iran has left Iran has attempted to isolate Iran economically and vulnerable, resulting in high unemployment, food insecurity, compromised healthcare, and deaths;

WHEREAS the Islamic Republic of Iran has, for decades, committed serious human rights violations, including arbitrary detention, executions, systematic discrimination against women, suppression of freedom of expression and assembly, and persecution of human rights defenders;

WHEREAS women and girls bear a disproportionate burden of both armed conflict and state repression, and sustainable peace cannot be achieved without women's full, equal, and meaningful participation in shaping Iran's future;

WHEREAS the Iranian women-led Woman, Life, Freedom movement has demonstrated extraordinary courage in advancing democracy, gender equality, and human dignity through nonviolent civic action;

The 34th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting from 18 to 20 July 2026, adopts this resolution and makes the following recommendations:

THEREFORE, we immediately call for a cessation of hostilities and an end to US attacks on Iran.

THEREFORE, we call upon all states, civil society organisations, private sector actors, and intergovernmental organisations to defy US threats, restore and maintain normal trade, diplomatic, and operational relations with Iran.

THEREFORE, we affirm that lasting peace requires both an end to military aggression and respect for universal human rights, including the rights of women, freedom of expression, and democratic participation in Iran.

THEREFORE, We call upon WILPF members globally to demand that their governments take positions and actions consistent with human rights and international legal responsibilities to Iran, and we call for WILPF Sections and members to actively join the International No War on Iran campaign, while expressing solidarity with Iranian civil society and the women-led Woman, Life, Freedom movement in their pursuit of democracy, equality, human rights, and a just and lasting peace.

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## ANNEX

COVER SHEET: Emergency Resolution Condemning US Warfare on Iran

Reason for WILPF Congress to approve: Current US foreign policy on Iran violates international law by bombing civilian infrastructure and causing economic hardships and deaths even beyond what many years of economic and trade sanctions have inflicted. The effects of two decades of economic, trade, and financial sanctions on Iran have resulted in high levels of unemployment for citizens in general, but especially for women and youth. Combined with military attacks and years of assassinations by Israel, the US assaults on Iran are unprovoked, asymmetrical as

well as illegal. While many progressive organisations have protested such actions against Iran, institutions of global governance appear unable or unwilling to risk US retaliatory measures, insist on diplomatic measures, and provide relief to the Iranian people.

Since June 26, the fragile U.S.–Iran ceasefire has steadily unravelled through repeated attacks, especially around the Strait of Hormuz. After brief efforts to restore the truce and resume talks, Iran was accused of attacking commercial vessels, while the US renewed strikes on Iranian military targets; Iran then retaliated against US and regional facilities. By early July, both sides were again exchanging sustained attacks, and the US declared the agreement "over," even as limited diplomacy continued. The result is a return to open hostilities, growing danger to civilians and commercial shipping, and no clear path to a durable settlement. The risk of escalation of the conflict risks many civilian lives, economic crisis even beyond the region, and ultimately the risk of use of nuclear weapons impacting the planet.

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## WILPF Resolution
## 34th International Congress

*Yaoundé, Cameroon, and online — 20 July 2026*

# On the Resurgence of War in the Middle East, the Failure of Diplomacy to Halt Hostilities, and the Climate and Environmental Costs of War in Lebanon

## PREAMBLE

*Recalling* WILPF's founding commitment to permanent peace through disarmament, justice, and the full and equal participation of women in all matters of war and peace;

*Recalling* United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006) and its unfulfilled implementation, and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and successor resolutions on Women, Peace and Security;

*Recalling* United Nations General Assembly Resolution 61/194 (2006) and its successive annual reaffirmations on the "Oil Slick on Lebanese Shores," in which the Assembly held Israel responsible for the environmental disaster caused by the destruction of the Jiyeh power plant, affirming that war's environmental damage is compensable and attributable — a precedent this resolution invokes for the far larger environmental and climate damage of the current conflict;

*Noting* that despite successive rounds of diplomatic talks in Washington, Rome, and Islamabad throughout 2026 — including a framework agreement signed in Washington on June 26 and subsequent implementation talks in Rome — hostilities in Lebanon have continued, with Israeli strikes ongoing, demonstrating that diplomatic talks without enforcement and accountability mechanisms have failed to protect civilian life;

*Gravely alarmed* by the killing of civilians, the continued occupation of Lebanese territory, and the death of environmental defender Mona Khalil, killed by an Israeli strike on her home in Al-Mansouri in June 2026 after dedicating more than two decades to protecting endangered sea turtles and Lebanon's coastline — a killing that stands as emblematic of the inseparability of attacks on civilians, on peacebuilders, and on the environment itself;

*Deeply concerned* by the documented and ongoing environmental destruction in Lebanon, including the contamination of land and water, destruction of olive groves and agricultural livelihoods, use of white phosphorus munitions, and the accumulation of conflict debris and rubble, active and intentional destruction of solar panels — damage requiring independent scientific documentation, including that undertaken by Lebanese research institutions such as the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS-Liban);

*Recognising* that the production, testing, transfer, and use of weapons — and the wars they sustain — constitute a significant and under-accounted source of greenhouse gas emissions, compounding the climate crisis in a region already experiencing acute climate vulnerability;

*Affirming* the long-standing but unrealised international call, dating to UN General Assembly resolutions since 1974, for the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction;

*Recognising* that women and community-based peacebuilders in South Lebanon, organised through structures such as the Women-Led Peace Infrastructure (WLPI) and Women's Peace Circles, have not waited for formal negotiating tables to begin documenting violations, protecting communities, and building the evidence base for accountability and recovery — and thus their leadership must be formally recognised, not merely consulted after the fact.

The 34th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting from 18 to 20 July 2026, adopts this resolution and makes the following recommendations:

**Demands** an immediate, comprehensive, and permanent end to hostilities in Lebanon and across the region, and calls on all parties to cease military operations and honor ceasefire commitments in full;

1. **Calls upon** all states to immediately halt the transfer, sale, and shipment of weapons and weapons components to Israel, in line with obligations under the Arms Trade Treaty, and calls for independent international monitoring of compliance;

2. **Renews the call** for the establishment of a Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction, and urges UN member states to recommit to this goal without further delay;

3. **Demands** accountability — including through independent investigation and, where applicable, judicial mechanisms — for states and private companies that produce, supply, or profit from weapons and military resources used in violation of international humanitarian law in the region;

4. **Calls** upon the UNFCCC, IPCC, and Parties to formally recognise, quantify, report, and account for greenhouse gas emissions and broader environmental impacts associated with military activities and armed conflict, including across military supply chains, reconstruction, and ecosystem degradation, and to integrate these impacts into future climate reporting, Global Stocktakes, and accountability frameworks;

5. **Calls upon** the international community to support independent scientific assessment, environmental monitoring, ecosystem restoration, contamination assessment, debris management, and rehabilitation of damaged agricultural land, forests, biodiversity, renewable energy infrastructure, and water resources, while ensuring that the polluter-pays principle and international legal precedents, including UNGA Resolution 61/194, inform future reparations and recovery efforts.

6. **Honors** the memory of Mona Khalil and all environmental and civilian defenders killed in this conflict, and calls for the protection of environmental defenders as a distinct category requiring international protection under humanitarian law;

7. **Insists** that ending impunity for violations of international law committed in Lebanon and the occupied Palestinian territory is indispensable to achieving a just and lasting peace. Calls on all States to fulfil their obligations under international law by ensuring accountability for Israel's actions through full cooperation with the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International

Court of Justice (ICJ), and by supporting independent investigations and judicial mechanisms into alleged violations of international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and serious environmental damage resulting from the conflict. Further calls on all States to suspend the transfer of arms, military assistance, and weapons components where there is a clear risk that they could be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international law, in accordance with the Arms Trade Treaty and other applicable international legal obligations, and to refrain from providing aid or assistance that would contribute to internationally wrongful acts.

8. **Demands** the full, equal, and meaningful engagement and participation of women and youth in all peace and security processes; as mediators, negotiators, stake holders, activists and parties to the process and to the different tracks.

9. **Affirms** that women and community-led structures, including the Women-Led Peace Infrastructure and Women's Peace Circles of South Lebanon, must be formally and directly included — not merely consulted — in all current and future negotiation, monitoring, and accountability processes, and calls on WILPF to support the resourcing and international recognition of these structures;

10. **Calls on** States to support ongoing international efforts to recognise ecocide as an international crime and to strengthen legal protection for the environment during armed conflict, including through the implementation of the International Law Commission's Draft Principles on the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflicts (PERAC).

11. **Calls on** WILPF Sections worldwide to raise this resolution with their respective governments and to advocate at the UN Human Rights Council, UN General Assembly, and UN Security Council for its implementation.

12. **Calls** on States to review and suspend military, security, and trade cooperation where necessary to ensure compliance with international law and to avoid contributing to serious violations of international humanitarian law or internationally wrongful acts.

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