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**Equal Rights - Equal Responsibilities
Droits Égaux - Responsabilités Égales**

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Equal Rights

Our affiliate in Greece has taken firm lobbying action for gender equality, calling for women's direct involvement in the political change taking place in Egypt.

IAW members are urged to take action too, raising our voices to make sure that Egyptian women are not sidelined or ignored. Similar situations are arising in other countries in North Africa, the Gulf States and the Middle East - please take action wherever possible.



GREEK LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

EQUAL RIGHTS – EQUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

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Open letter

to Field Marshal Mohamed Hussein Tantawi

Your Excellency,

In Greece and in Europe we have been informed about the great disappointment of women's and feminist organizations in your country following the recent developments in Egypt. According to various statements and to what we ourselves witnessed on television screens, women of all ages and spheres of life participated actively in the struggle for political change and yet now they face the risk of being excluded from the process of creating the new Egypt.

As an example they mention that they have already been excluded from the Committee for Constitutional Reform and from the Interim Government, as if nothing had changed.

And indeed, the treatment of Egyptian women is inversely proportional to their participation in the revolution, which has caused admiration and vivid interest internationally, not only among the feminist organizations but also among official institutions of the international community, as the HCHR of the UN.

We, the undersigned, consider the equal participation of women in all institutions of your great country a criterion of democratisation and a strong positive example. At the same time it will reinforce the efforts made all over the world for gender equality, which is a fundamental human right. Besides, it will respond to the requirements of the international conventions, ratified by your country, as the CEDAW-The Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Therefore, we advocate for the satisfaction of Egyptian women's fair demands.

Signed by President Soula Panaretou and Secretary General Terpsi Lambrinopoulou
On behalf of the Board of the Greek League for Women's Rights

Athens, 21/3/2011