

# INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES

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## IAW ACTION SHEET - October 2008

### UNIFEM - Say No to Violence Campaign

The Campaign continues to gain support. Close to 250,000 individuals and 35 Governments have signed the online petition. UNIFEM hopes to reach 1 million names by 25 November, when all names will be handed to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in a broad based call for governments to take action to end violence against women and girls.

To support the Say No to Violence Campaign, click here - <http://saynotoviolence.org>.

### Message to IAW European Members from the EWL Team

*from IAW Regional Coordinator Europe: Joanna Manganara*

The European Women's Lobby (EWL) is the largest non-governmental women's organisation in the European Union, representing 2000 direct member organisations in 28 European countries.

Working with its members at national and European level, the EWL's main objective is to fight for equality between women and men, ensuring the integration of a gender equality perspective in all EU policies.

We need you help to make sure that as many people as possible add their signature to the EWL 50/50 Campaign for gender equality in decision-making. We are therefore asking you to please send this message to all your contacts and members.

Contact: Mary Collins [collins@womenlobby.org](mailto:collins@womenlobby.org) Website on: [ewl@womenlobby.org](mailto:ewl@womenlobby.org)

### Support the Mexican Federation's Museum of Women Petition

The Mexican Federation of University Women (FEMU) is seeking support for its petition to the Mexican Government for a permanent facility to house the Museum of Women that they are planning. This will be the first women's museum in Mexico and only the second in all of Latin America, a cultural centre showing the history of women in Mexico and promoting respect for human rights. They wish to show that support comes from women throughout the world. To sign the Mexican petition, click here -

[http://www.femumex.org/index.php?option=com\\_wrapper&Itemid=34](http://www.femumex.org/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=34) or send your name, city and country to [femumex@yahoo.com.mx](mailto:femumex@yahoo.com.mx) and say that it is for the Museum of Women petition.

### Campaign of action in solidarity of Zimbabwean women

Cape town, October 28, 2008. South African feminists, individuals and organisations are embarking on a roll-out campaign of action in solidarity with Zimbabwean women. This campaign came in the wake of the degeneration of the negotiations of the Cabinet Formation process in Zimbabwe as set up by the Global Political Agreement (GPA). See for more details <http://www.awid.org/eng/Women-in-Action/Announcements2/Press-Release-and-Statement-In-Solidarity-with-Zimbabwean-Women>

### NGOs send protest letter to UN Secretary-General over sexual abuse

A coalition of more than 180 international non-governmental organisations (NGOs), *including IAW*, has sent a letter to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon asking him to "state publicly and strongly that there will be no impunity for U.N. personnel who engage in any form of exploitation, including sexual abuse." The letter urges the Secretary-General to make his Special Representatives (SRSGs), who are his senior most representatives in U.N. missions, "personally responsible for any violation, and ask for their resignations in such cases."

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