

## Statement on ways to implement the Action Programme 2018-2020

The Action Programme of IAW reflects the ideological position of the IAW on gender equality and women's human rights. It is therefore a very important component of our work.

The Action Programme is implemented by IAW at the national, local and international level.

At the national level, it is implemented by our affiliate and associate organisations and by our individual members.

From now on, we have to ask our organisations to make a report in what ways they are implementing our Action Programme. Which activities from which pillars have they chosen? Do they implement these activities by themselves or do they collaborate with other NGOs? What are the outcomes of those activities?

To help our member organisations to write this part of their report, I suggest we draft guidelines.

At the international and regional level, the IAW implements the Action Programme through its international representatives, the Board and member organisations. For example, Ursula and Gudrun will implement the Action Programme at the international and regional level with their project on water and pads. Writing statements for the CSW, the Human rights Council, ECOSOC, participating in the negotiations for the post-2030 Development Agenda, or undertaking advocacy activities are also ways to implement the Action Programme at the international level.

The IAW also implements the Action Programme by participating in campaigns or initiating campaigns of its own, signing petitions and letters by other NGOs or by sending letters to politicians and high standing officers on issues related to violations of women's human rights.

We have recently sent a letter to Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General, to ask him to call on the US government to sign up for a package of security guarantees which makes possible to scale back or suspend the US-South Korea military exercises and to delay the deployment of new US military equipment to South-Korea.

We have also signed, together with approximately 900 women organisations, another letter which was sent to Secretary General Guterres

asking him to expand civil society space at the UN in particular for women's organisations.

Another way to work with our Action Programme would be to ask our organisations to check the concluding observations of CEDAW on national reports that their governments submit to CEDAW and check if they cover issues in line with our Action Programme. If they do, we could ask our member organisations to hold their governments accountable on what they have done with these concluding observations and include the outcomes in their report to IAW.

We could also ask our member organisations whether they have checked on the accountability of their governments concerning different commitments that they have made at the international and regional level. If these commitments cover issues of our Action Programme, then the member organisations should hold their governments accountable for the implementation of these commitments and include their outcomes in their report to the IAW.

We could also ask our membership to hold their government accountable concerning certain goals and targets of the 2030 Development Agenda if they are covered in our Action Programme. If this is the case, they should report back on the ways that their governments have implemented these goals and targets and include the outcomes in their reports.

We could also decide to focus on a priority issue in our Action Programme. This should be decided by the Board with a feedback from our member organisations, our international representatives, and our commission conveners. The priority issue could be, as an example, refugee women.

To discuss the Action Programme, we will first look at the chapeau, and then look at the different pillars. Everyone is welcome to make comments, amendments, or contributions to the texts. All these proposals will be discussed, and if accepted, they will be taken on board in the new Action Programme 2018-2020 which will be adopted by Congress in Nicosia.

The Action Programme should be evaluated by the Board, the International Representatives, the Commission conveners, and all our membership in general. This process should lead to visible outcomes.