



**NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS
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Resolution on human trafficking

Meeting in Quito, Ecuador, we, the legislators and representatives of Member Nations of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas join our voices to express our determination and commitment to fighting human trafficking, particularly in women and children, and call on all public officials in our respective countries and in society at large to:

- ONE:** Impose mandatory sentences on anyone found guilty of participating in human trafficking, particularly the trafficking of women, adolescents, and children for economic or sexual exploitation, which includes prostitution and any other form of sexual exploitation, forced labor or service, slavery and any similar practices, servitude, and removal of organ and fluids;
- TWO:** Take effective measures to prevent and suppress human trafficking, with special attention paid to the most vulnerable—women and children;
- THREE:** Ensure that severe penalties are meted out for those trafficking in organs, human tissue, or any other body parts for commercial use;
- FOUR:** Establish government programs to strengthen protection and aid for victims of trafficking, guaranteeing them full respect for their basic human rights;
- FIVE:** Organize public awareness campaigns that expose the consequences of this type of crime and encourage society's participation in preventing this scourge;

- SIX:** Give law enforcement officers, prosecutors and the judiciary, consular officials, and social service personnel operating inside and outside our hemisphere the means necessary to come to the aid of trafficking victims;
- SEVEN:** Ensure that our governments take all necessary measures to expand regional and international cooperation in order to punish those involved in human trafficking;
- EIGHT:** Ensure that all nations ratify and implement the *United Nations Convention's Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children*; and
- NINE:** Ensure that non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the private sector, and society at large join together to promote adoption of effective preventive measures against human trafficking and develop strategies to bring perpetrators to justice. We also urge all countries to support civil society in its fight against this serious violation of human rights.