



RESOLUTION

GOVERNMENTAL GENDER BUDGETS

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WHEREAS:

1. Social justice is based on a fair distribution of wealth, resources and services;
2. Poverty is a phenomenon that affects especially women and low-income families;
3. The adoption of gender budgets will enable the development of public policies that promote equality between men and women;
4. The experience from the implementation of this kind of budget in several countries of the world has given tangible results;
5. It is imperative to have a political will at the highest level in order to undertake the steps leading to the implementation of gender budgets.

Gathered during the seminar "Governmental Gender Budgets", held in San Salvador, El Salvador, on September 19 and 20, 2003, we, the Members of the Legislative Assemblies and the National Congresses of Central America, of the Dominican Republic, of Quebec, of Mexico, of Brazil, of Suriname, of Panama and of Venezuela, of the Central American Parliament and of the Andean Parliament, together with the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas, the Mérida Anaya Montes - Las Méridas Association and other civil society organizations,

HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

1. The most urgent requirements to carry out an analysis of public gender budgets are: being aware of the structure, planning, income and expenditures related to budgets; obtaining specific data divided up by gender; promoting an awareness process among civil servants devoted to this issue.
2. It is relevant to include the issue of gender equality in the areas of health, education, security, economy, and labor.



WE HEREBY PROPOSE TO:

Share the experiences with the parliamentarians from the Americas, Mexico, Quebec and other states, on how gender budgets have been elaborated.

Develop, from the document databank, tools to facilitate the implementation of gender budgets and to invite Parliaments and Governments to adopt pieces of legislation to ensure access to equal rights for women.

Contribute to strengthening the process of the advancement of women, by making parliamentarians sensitive to gender budget issues.

Strengthen, at all levels of government in the Americas, the effectiveness of measures and initiatives that are necessary to successfully modify formal and legislative measures in favor of gender equity.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

Seeking a more active and organized participation of women to influence the elaboration of gender budgets.

Carrying out a work of influence so that the political authorities of the executive and legislative branches and of the local administrations undertake the implementation of corrective mechanisms to ensure access to equity for women, through the strategy of gender budgets.

Ensuring that the implementation of these measures take into account the non-governmental organizations devoted to the advancement of women.

Carrying out, as women parliamentarians of the Americas, a comprehensive and systematic watch of our Governments and respective Parliaments to ensure the implementation of gender budgets.