



**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
NETWORK OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE AMERICAS**

**Brasilia, Brazil, March 24, 2004**

**Resolution on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Conference of Beijing**

*CONSIDERING* that during the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on Beijing +5, the 189 governments agreed “to assess regularly further implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action with a view to bringing together all parties involved in 2005 to assess progress and consider new initiatives, as appropriate, ten years after the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action and twenty years after the adoption of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women”;

*CONSIDERING* the importance of underlining the 10th Anniversary of the Beijing World Conference on Women which heralded a new chapter in the struggle for equality between the sexes and whose Platform for Action general objective was to introduce a non-sexist perspective in the 12 areas where serious problems persist and proposed implementing monitoring mechanisms into place in order to keep track of what is projected to be accomplished;

*CONSIDERING* that holding a Fifth World Conference on Women in 2005, also called the Beijing +10 Conference, along with a parallel NGO forum, gives rise to many debates within the various international women’s organizations, given the current political context, which has, in particular, been characterized by a rise in fundamentalism and the spread of armed conflicts;

*We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas hereby:*

*PLEDGE* to pursue our activities within our legislative assemblies, regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations, as well as in our respective societies, with the objective of promoting and defending the rights of women;

*PLEDGE* to perform a follow-up on the commitments of our respective States concerning the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action and to promote, within our legislative assemblies, regional parliaments and interparliamentary organizations, the adoption of legislation that takes into consideration the recommendations stemming from the work of World Conferences on Women;

*SUBSCRIBE* fully to the conclusions of the 47th session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in March 2003, according to which a Fifth Conference on Women should be held before 2010, but not in 2005;

*RECOMMEND* that exact timing of the said Conference and the form it should take must be studied, in particular in light of the evaluation to be made of Beijing +10 by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at its regular session in 2005 and of regional commentaries, and while also keeping the general political climate in mind.