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DECLARATION

of the WIDF Council
on the International Year of the Child

The Council of the Women's International Democratic Federation, meeting in Moscow from 15 to 20 May, reiterates its fullest support for the decision of the 31st Session of the United Nations General Assembly to proclaim 1979 the INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, and expresses on behalf of all its national organizations the firm resolve to take an active part in the preparation and observance of the Year.

It expresses its conviction that the observance of the IYC within the content of the United Nations Decade for Women (1976-1985) will bring out the connection that exists between the status of the child and the social, economic and political situation in each country.

In this way the International Year of the Child will demonstrate the need to guarantee the child living conditions that permit harmonious development in a more just society based on national independence, the exercise of democracy, the establishment of a new international economic order, and peace.

The WIDF Council pays tribute to the work already done by the International Committee for the United Nations Decade for Women in publicizing and carrying out the fundamental aims of the International Year of the Child. It reiterates its total endorsement of the Committee's resolutions and particularly the convening of the World Conference "For a Peaceful and Secure Future for All Children", to be held at the non-governmental level in 1979.

The participants in the WIDF Council Meeting, bearing in mind the outstanding significance and the valuable unifying and mobilizing experience of the International Women's Year and the Berlin Congress,

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declare their firm desire to promote co-operation with all social forces interested in the solution of the problems relating to children in order to take part in the creation and the activity of National Committees for the IYC and in the preparations for the 1979 World Conference.

Considering that peace is not guaranteed for any child in the world;

Considering that two-thirds of the world's children suffer from hunger;

Considering that in many countries of the world the basic needs of children are not met, particularly as far as food, health, education and housing is concerned;

Considering the suffering endured by the children whose parents are persecuted, exiled, detained, killed or missing, as well as by the children who live in countries where fascist and dictatorial regimes, colonialism, neocolonialism, racial discrimination and apartheid prevail

the National Committees for the International Year of the Child are urged to bring this state of affairs to the attention of the public in their countries in order that the governments may be informed, take the necessary steps, and apply solidarity measures so that all the needs that go to make up the child's right to life may be met.

The MIDF Council considers that in all the preparatory work for the International Year of the Child and the World Conference, it should always be borne in mind that 1979 is also the year of the 20th anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This anniversary is at once an exhortation and a commitment. The Declaration, which stipulates that the child "shall enjoy all the rights" set forth in it, stresses that "All children, without any exception whatsoever, shall be entitled to these rights, without distinction or discrimination on account of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property..."

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Twenty years after the unanimous adoption of the Declaration by the 78 governments represented in the United Nations at that time, we note that today even some of those very governments still violate its provisions. The rights of the child must be not only proclaimed but observed, and effectively implemented.

The adoption of an International Convention, binding on the signatory states, based on the principles of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child, as has already been proposed by several governments, would be an important qualitative step towards achieving this goal. The WIDF, which has been working for years for the preparation of a Convention on the Rights of the Child, will participate actively in any action taken to make it a reality.

Considering that the question of disarmament is closely connected with the well-being of the child, the WIDF Council, meeting on the eve of the International Children's Day and a few days before the beginning of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly devoted to Disarmament, is sure that its national organizations and all other organizations and individuals concerned for the future of the younger generation will make June 1st 1978 a day for intense action to propagate the objectives of the International Year of the Child, a day of struggle for an end to the arms race and for disarmament as a necessary condition for ensuring peace. Our love for children, our aspiration to give the generations to come the best we have to offer must be translated into sustained action to have all governments abandon the arms race, to have the neutron bomb and all other weapons of mass-extinction banned, and to have all the United Nations member states act in such a way that disarmament, the great hope of the peoples, will become reality and that military spending will be reduced, so that more funds will be available to meet all the social needs of the peoples, giving priority to those of the child.

Fighting for peace and disarmament means defending life, it means ensuring the future of Humanity.

Guaranteeing full implementation of the rights of the child means giving all children in the world the opportunity to develop healthily and to the full, to unfold their intelligence, talents and skills so that they can enrich, embellish and transform human existence.