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### **Women's human rights must be at the centre of the Family Planning Summit: Civil Society Declaration**

We, civil society organizations working to promote women's and young people's human rights, call on world leaders on the eve of the "Family Planning Summit", hosted by the UK Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to ensure that sexual and reproductive health and rights are at the centre of all efforts to meet reproductive health needs, including family planning.

Contraceptive information and services – "family planning" – form an essential part of the health services that women need throughout their lives. Any steps to increase demand for contraceptives must actively support efforts to improve comprehensive and integrated sexual and reproductive health. Contraceptives must be provided through primary healthcare, with full regard for women's human rights and the specific needs of young and unmarried women and other groups.

Our experience, built over decades of work around the world, has taught us that the failure to take actions guided by women's human rights – to health, to life, to live free from discrimination among others – can have devastating consequences. Policies that accept or tacitly condone forced sterilization, the coercive provision of contraceptives, and the denial of essential services to the young, poor and marginalized women that need them every day have violated, and continue to violate, women's human rights.

Nearly twenty years ago, governments at the International Conference on Population and Development agreed that respect for women's reproductive autonomy is the cornerstone of population policy. Any return to coercive family planning programs where quality of care and informed consent are ignored would be both shocking and retrograde. The Family Planning Summit must ensure that the clocks are not put back on women's human rights: women's autonomy and agency to decide freely on matters related to sexual and reproductive health without any discrimination, coercion or violence must be protected under all circumstances.

In order to expand contraceptive access with full respect for women's human rights, we urge governments, donors and other actors supporting the Family Planning Summit to:

- Take all possible measures to ensure that this initiative is designed with quality of care and human rights at its core, so that no coercive measures are introduced in the provision of contraceptives;
- Ensure that meaningful participation by women, including young women, is built into all stages of program design and implementation to ensure that services are responsive to their needs and to prevent any human rights violations;
- Ensure that the provision of contraceptives is integrated into existing and new sexual and reproductive health services, and that a full range of contraceptive methods is offered;

- Design and implement a system for monitoring, evaluation and accountability to track and measure its impact on the rights of women as this initiative is rolled out, and urgently make necessary corrections should violations come to light;

- Commit to tackling the existing legal and policy barriers that hinder access to contraceptive information and services, without which efforts are likely to be ineffective and exacerbate disparities in access.

In 2012, nothing less will do.

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| Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice (RESURJ)        | International    |
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| Network of East-West Women  | Poland                          |
| Child In Need Institute   | India                           |
| EFI - Espace Femmes Internationale  | Switzerland                     |
| FOKUS - Forum for Women and Development                                   | Norway                          |
| Tumaini Women Group and Mary Youth Support Group                          | Kenya                           |
| Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) - NEW WAYS                          | Turkey                          |
| The International Alliance of Women/Alliance Internationale des Femmes    | International                   |
| Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR)         | Lebanon                         |
| Flying Broom Women's Communication and Research Association               | Turkey                          |
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| International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific                    | Asia Pacific                    |
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| Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA) | Asia and the Pacific            |
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| Equidad de Genero: Ciudadania, Trabajo y Familia                                | Mexico           |
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| Foro Nacional de Mujeres y Politicas de Poblacion                               | Mexico           |
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| Gillespie Foundation  | USA              |
| PDHRE, People's Movement for Human Rights learning                              | USA              |
| California National Organization for Women (NOW)                                | USA              |
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| Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights                              | International    |
| Red Flag Women's Movement   | Sri Lanka        |
| Action on African Women Foundation  | Ghana            |
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| CLACAI Latin American Consortium Against Unsafe Abortion                        | LAC              |
| Sahiyar (Stree Sangathan)   | India            |
| BPW ISTANBUL Business and Professional Women Association                        | Turkey           |
| Human Rights Law Network (HRLN)   | India            |
| Nepal-International Consumers Union   | Nepal            |
| Reseau des Associations et Groupements des Femmes Handicapees du Tchad (RAGFHT) | Chad             |
| ELA - Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Genero                               | Argentina        |
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| Women and Law in Southern Africa Research Trust Mozambique (WLSA Mozambique)    | Mozambique       |
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| Fundacion Desafio   | Ecuador          |
| Grupo Medico por el Derecho a Decidir   | Colombia         |
| BPW Turkey: The Turkish Federation of Business & Professional Women             | Turkey           |
| Fundacion ESAR  | Colombia         |
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| Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) - New Ways                                      | Turkey          |
| MYSU, Mujer y Salud en Uruguay  | Uruguay         |
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| The Planned Parenthood Association of Thailand (PPAT)                                 | Thailand        |
| Coast Women In Development (CWID)   | Kenya           |
| Gender Alternatives Foundation  | Bulgaria        |
| Eskişehir Business and Professional Women – Eskişehir BPW                             | Turkey          |
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| Center for Equality Advancement   | Lithuania       |
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| Servicios Urbanos y Rurales para Mujeres de Bajos Ingresos-SURMUBI                    | Peru            |
| African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)                        | Kenya           |
| Fundacion para Estudio e Investigacion de la Mujer -FEIM                              | Argentina       |
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| FIAN International (Foodfirst Information and Action network)                         | International   |
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| Gender and Development Network  | UK              |
| Sex og Politikk - Norwegian Association for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights | Norway          |
| Colectivo Feminista Mujeres Universitarias  | Honduras        |
| Mujeres Latinoamericanas de New York  | USA             |
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| Rede Naional de Promocao e Controle social em Saude das Lesbicas Negras               | Brazil          |
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| Foro por los Derechos Reproductivos   | Argentina       |
| Ipas Mexico   | Mexico          |
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| Human Rights Watch  | International   |
| Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS)                      | USA             |
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| Federacion de Planifiation Familiar Estatal   | Spain           |
| Action Canada for Population and Development  | Canada          |
| Agrupacion ciudadana por la despenalizacion del aborto terapeutico, etico             | El Salvador     |

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| International Disability Alliance  | International   |
| Campaign to Stop Torture in Health Care  | International   |
| Nigeria Association of Women Journalists (NAWOJ)   | Nigeria         |
| Associaçao Brasileira de Lésbicas, Gays, Bissexuais, Travestis e Transexuais             | Brazil          |
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| Ipas Bolivia   | Bolivia         |
| Ipas Bangladesh  | Bangladesh      |
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| Ipas Central America   | Central America |
| Sergio Rego  | Brazil          |
| Sociedade de Bioética do Estado do Rio de Janeiro  | Brazil          |
| Hivos  | The Netherlands |
| Reprolatina- Solucoes Inovadoras em Saude Sexual e Reprodutiva                           | Brazil          |
| Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas-ECMIA                            | Peru            |
| CHIRAPAQ, Centro de Culturas Indigenas del Peru  | Peru            |
| Catolicas por el Derecho a Decidir/Bolivia   | Bolivia         |
| Las Hijas de la Negrita  | Costa Rica      |
| Consorcio Latinoamericano de Anticoncepcion de Emergencia CLAE                           | Costa Rica      |
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| Women Advancement for Economic and Leadership Empowerment in Africa (WAELE/ARCELFA)      | Nigeria         |
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| Forum Mulher   | Mozambique      |
| Articulacion Feminista Marcosur  | Regional        |
| Vision Spring Initiatives  | Nigeria         |
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| ASTRA Central and Eastern European Network for Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Health | Poland          |
| International Foundation for Population and Development (IFPD)                           | Switzerland     |
| Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)                                   | Global          |

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| Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW)                            | Asia-Pacific      |
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| Cameroon Medical Women Association (CMWA)   | Cameroon          |
| Lebanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology   | Lebanon           |
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| Youth Vision Zambia   | Zambia            |
| Population and Community Development Association                                      | Thailand          |
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| Food First Information and Action Network, Section Austria (FIAN Austria)             | Austria/Europe    |
| Family Care International   | USA               |
| International Initiative on Maternal Mortality and Human Rights                       | International     |
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| Women's Health in St Petersburg   | Russia            |
| (Our Bodies Ourselves Global Network) Women and Their Bodies                          | Israel            |
| Articulacao de Organizacoes de Mulheres Negras  | Brazil            |
| A Rede Mulheres Negras - PR   | Brazil            |
| Movimento Negro Unificado do Rio Grande do Sul - MNU/RS                               | Brazil            |
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| Irish Family Planning Association   | Ireland           |
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| ONG Femmes Sante Developpement (FESADE)   | Cameroon          |
| Si Mujer  | Nicaragua         |
| The Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN)                      | LAC               |
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| Management Sciences for Health  | USA               |
| Women's Rehabilitation Centre (Our Bodies Ourselves Global Network)                   | Nepal             |

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