



MAKE GENDER EQUALITY A GLOBAL CAUSE

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G7 Equality Agreement to Make Gender Equality a Global Cause

Declaration Attached

President Macron has made gender equality a major cause of his five-year term.

No country in the world has achieved gender equality and no country can achieve it alone. That is why President Macron issued a call to make gender equality a global cause at the United Nations General Assembly in September 2018.

Making gender equality a global cause is the aim of the ministerial meeting held yesterday and today in Bondy and in Paris.

After several months of discussions and several days of negotiations, France is pleased to announce that a joint declaration by its 7 member countries has been adopted.

This declaration marks the clear aim of making gender equality a global cause after President Macron decided to make it a major cause of his five-year term.

It sets out the ambitious aims we established in negotiations with our partners:

- To work for women's empowerment in Africa, identifying national and a Pan-African financial mechanism that we must jointly support (Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa or AFAWA and We-Fi)
- To fight cyber harassment and all sexual and gender-based violence online in partnership with civil society and platforms. The ministers and representatives urge them to remove illegal content swiftly and implement simple and intuitive reporting mechanisms.

- The signatories recognize the expertise and leadership of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council in its work and its important contribution in identifying laws that are most favourable to women worldwide.

Other points of this text should be highlighted:

- The ministers and representatives wished to recall the decisive roles of female leaders, women who defend human rights and civil society organizations.
- The ministers and representatives appreciated the open and interactive dialogue with the W7 about their recommendations during their visit.
- They recalled that quality education enabling young girls and boys to be active and informed participants in the transformation of societies and the highest health standards go hand in hand. Like eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities, they are keys to success.

The French G7 Presidency therefore sets out a resolutely feminist and innovative direction in calling for full participation of women and girls in all realms of society.

We are working with our partners to give them the means to ensure their full security.

“The aim of France and the Council, co-chaired by two Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Nadia Muraad and Denis Mukwege, is for the Council to continue its work to be able to deliver the commitments States will make,” the Minister stated. She also welcomed the fact that the G7 commended the organization of the Global Forum on Beijing +25 in Paris in 2020 which will be another major step of feminist diplomacy taken by France.

The G7 Equality participants wished to conclude their work with a group photograph with the portrait of Nasrin Sotoudeh, an imprisoned Iranian activist and symbolic member of the Advisory Council.

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