



INLW ORAL STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBERAL WOMEN TO THE 54TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

“The 15-year review of the implementation of Beijing Declaration and Plan of Action (1995 and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (2000)”

It is an honour for me to participate in this session representing the International Network of Liberal Women, which is formed of 14 associations from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

The activities of the International Network of Liberal Women are inspired by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. INLW applies those principles on which the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women is also based.

International Network of Liberal Women:

1. reaffirms its commitment with the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted in 2000 by 189 countries, containing the Millennium goals to be implemented by 2015.
2. reaffirms its commitment to Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995.
3. recognizing that progress has been made by many countries and cultures but that there are still persisting inequalities in the implementation of the commitments.

Therefore International Network of Liberal Women calls for:

- Participation of women in decision-making and peace processes at all levels.
- No loss of conquered women's rights .
- Avoid violence, which infringes international humanitarian law.
- Work for solutions to prevent great poverty.
- Countries and governments to give more visibility to NGO's inputs.