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Panel Discussion on “The Power of Empowered Women”

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Women’s leadership is often lacking in positions of high authority, especially in the work place. Gender inequality is prevalent and should be changed in order to achieve proper and equal human rights for all. Women should have equal access to basic human rights such as education and employment opportunities in order to fulfill their true potential from a social, political, and economic standpoint. Empowering women and giving them the ability to achieve their potential increases their value to society as a whole.

GWJ attended this event because it is their mission to empower young girls to gain life and leadership skills through advanced education. GWJ aims to encourage girls to apply their knowledge and skills to decision making in both public and private forms of life. With secondary education, women are able to represent themselves well in the workplace and have the opportunity to contribute more in decision-making processes.

**Relevant Sources**

HRC 29<sup>th</sup> Session, Concept note Panel 2

**WWW references with more information**

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