

## Resolution 6

### PREVENTING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

*Proposed by: Indian Federation of University Women's Associations (IFUWA)*

*Seconded by: Women Graduates – USA and the Uganda Association of University Women (UAUW)*

**The 32<sup>nd</sup> GWI General Assembly resolves that:**

**National Federations and Associations (NFAs) urge their respective governments to pass laws to forbid all forms of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).**

#### **Suggested Plan of Action:**

1. NFAs should ascertain whether laws exist in their countries to forbid this practice and if necessary advocate for the establishment and implementation of such laws.
2. NFAs should urge their governments to enact legislation to make FGM illegal with the effect that anyone found involved in any way- aiding, abetting, perpetrating or perpetuating this practice will be punished in a court of law.

#### **Supporting Statement:**

*As defined by WHO, FGM reflects a deep-rooted inequality between the sexes, and constitutes an extreme form of discrimination against women. It is usually carried out on minors and is a violation of the rights of girls.*

*Female genital mutilation is an act of extreme violation of the female body. It is an expression of supreme power of man over women's bodies. It is not only traumatic but has late and severe repercussions on the body and psyche of the victim. We condemn this harmful and traumatic cultural practice meted out to young girls in their very tender years and urge the national governments to take strong action against those who do this in the name of culture.*

*Acts of Law and fear of punishment will be the best way to put a stop to this cruel practice.*