POLICY RESOLUTION 2 - BUILDING PEACE THROUGH WOMEN’S EDUCATION

Proposed by: The Panamanian Association of University Women (AMUP)
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The 33rd GWI General Assembly resolves that:

1. NFAs urge their respective Government to promote education to build peace in their communities and society, especially for those girls and women not in the scholastic system;
2. NFAs increase their efforts to educate families about the consequences of not having girls and women in the educational system;
3. NFAs maintain a constant base of information to prevent bullying and acts of discrimination;
4. NFAs need to increase awareness of sanctions available to be applied in case of bullying and acts discrimination;
5. NFAs seek strong support from governments, including appropriate legislation, to promote the advantages of having educated girls and women, encouraging peace and increasing awareness in all communities and demonstrating the importance of building better societies without the fear of war and violence;
6. NFAs utilize their consultative role with the UN, UNESCO, UNICEF and other international bodies to assist in the implementation of this resolution.

Suggested Plan of Action:

1. NFAs should urge their respective governments to implement the existing National and International laws related to Peace Education.
2. NFAs should coordinate with other NGOs to raise awareness about education for peace.
3. NFAs should encourage academic research to examine the causes and the consequences of not educating girls and women for peace.
4. NFAs should encourage local communities and the media to reach and educate families about the importance to keep peace, in families, communities, society and the entire globe.
5. NFAs should seek support from International Organizations in order to bring the issue of Women’s Education to the fore, by increasing public awareness and enforcing the implementation of existing laws.

Supporting Statement:

Aggressive behavior is transmitted in certain families and communities. Education is a key factor for peace in families and society.

There is an alarming increase of bullying in the schools. Education for peace will help girls and women, teach and raise the future generation in a better environment without suffering violence.

Educating girls and women for peace will give them the opportunity to raise their children as peaceful citizens and build a new society far from war.
Violence leads to violence. Aggression leads to aggression. Peace leads to peace. It is about time we enforce peace and education around the globe. It should be a global movement for girls and women.

According to ONG International Bullying without borders, in 2018 seven of ten children in Latin America are victims of bullying. Dr. Javier Miglino said that 70% of children are directly or indirectly affected. He also added that bullying is the main cause of 200 deaths in Latin America. And cyberbullying is also a problem among children in school.

Many countries should approve of this statement because it should be part of our determination to provide safe environments and places without violence and zero tolerance for discrimination.