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To: National Federations and Associations (NFAs) Presidents, CIRs and Secretaries

From: GWI Resolutions Committee

Subject: Call for Policy Resolutions for the GWI 34th Triennial to be held virtually 11-12

November 2022

Call for Policy Resolutions for the GWI 34th Triennial General Assembly



The deadline for receipt of submissions is 11 May 2022.

The guidelines and application form can be downloaded <u>here</u>.

Draft Policy Resolutions must be submitted to resolutions2022@gwi.graduatewomen.org

Policy resolutions approved at GWI Triennial Conferences add a critical dimension to the purpose, international advocacy and mission of GWI. They form GWI policy and give direction to National Federations and Associations (NFAs) and the GWI leadership. They also provide focal points for NFA and Headquarter advocacy strategy with their respective governments and give guidance to our representatives at the United Nations to speak on our behalf.

- All NFAs, the GWI Board of Officers, GWI standing committees and GWI special committees may propose resolutions.
- All policy resolutions must be received by GWI Resolutions Committee by 11 May 2022, six months prior to the General Assembly.
- As the GA is virtual, it is planned that all open discussion around the submitted resolutions will take place during planned pre-meetings in advance of the GA. Those sessions will be widely published for maximum participation given challenges of varying time zones.
- The proposing and sponsoring NFAs will present the resolution but as the meeting
 will be virtual these will be held as side rooms facilitated by a member or members of
 the Resolutions Committee in order that any AGREED changes can be added to the
 resolution in time to circulate to voting delegates.
- Any NFA with amendment or discussion should be aware of their local time for these meetings.

NB: Only emergency resolutions relating to unexpected events occurring after 11 May 2022 may be submitted after that date. The Conference will vote on whether to admit an emergency resolution for debate; a two-thirds majority of the voting delegates is required

Submissions

- If GWI has previously adopted a policy resolution on the subject, the new proposal must refer to the exact GWI policy to be reaffirmed and supply updated background information. Reaffirmation is made in order to highlight existing GWI policy for a specific purpose such as presentation to a UN conference or reaction to a current world event such as the Coronavirus Pandemic or the recovery from this. The complete list of GWI policy resolutions can be viewed here.
- All resolutions must be submitted in English, include a supporting statement and an action plan. The maximum length of the submission, including the text of the resolution is two A4 page.
- Proposers should use the attached submission form, which is also available on the GWI website <u>here</u>.

NB: The submission form, together with any optional supplementary materials should be sent as an e-mail attachment to resolutions2022@gwi.graduatewomen.org

Please read the instructions on the submission form carefully.

Discussion prior to the Conference

NFAs will have an opportunity to discuss the resolutions and ask questions prior to the Conference by contacting the proposing NFA or, if needed, the Resolutions Committee. Virtual meetings may be held if the Resolution Committee feel this may be more beneficial.

NFAs wishing to propose amendments should submit these in advance using the special form which will be available at a later date.

Resolutions at Conference

The resolutions will be presented at virtual informal session or sessions to give an opportunity for discussion and possible further amendment prior to voting. The NFAs presenting the resolution will present the resolution with facilitation by a member of the Resolutions committee.

Sincerely, GWI Resolutions Committee 2020-2022