



## Final Document of the Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum

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We, the participants of the Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum, **reaffirm** our commitment to the fundamental documents in the field of equal rights and opportunities for men and women, primarily the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women dated December 18, 1979; the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing on September 4–15, 1995; as well as to the Sustainable Development Goals defined in the UN General Assembly Resolution dated September 25, 2015, *Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*.

**Support** the full and comprehensive implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, with hunger and poverty reduction as a priority, and support the efforts of the G20 to create a global alliance to fight hunger and eradicate poverty.

**Emphasize** that women have a special role to play in shaping a new, more equitable and multipolar world order based on the universally recognized principles and norms of international law enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

**Reaffirm** the commitment to strengthen efforts on preserving and promoting public health to ensure a long and healthy life for all, recognizing the special role and participation of women in such efforts.

**Support** the growing engagement of women in prevention and health literacy programs, including through corporate health promotion programs.

At the same time, we **express our concern** with current challenges in the area of international and regional security.

**Recognize** that the current geopolitical landscape of the world is undergoing rapid internal changes that necessitate a profound transformation of the international governance hierarchy and the irreversible establishing of a multipolar world order, and women must play a more active and visible role during such changes.

**Believe** in the interconnectedness of the fates of all peoples and that not one state has the right to ensure its own safety and security at the expense of the safety and security of other states: there must be a universal, integrated security for all.

**Note** that the emerging crisis of the European security system against the background of increasingly aggravated regional and international contradictions and the acceleration of the

process of establishing a multipolar world confirms the need to form a sustainable safety and security system in the Eurasian space.

**Keep track** of the problems that have a negative impact on ensuring women's rights and, as a result, hinder the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals: the stereotypes about the insignificant role of women in society, that persist in public consciousness, are eradicated very slow; women are still underrepresented in decision-making bodies; women are less involved in high-tech sectors of the economy, with finance, legal services and markets being less accessible to them; women suffer from poor ecology and climate change, food and water shortages, armed conflicts and domestic violence.

**Support and continue to implement the ideas** of previous Eurasian Women's Forums aimed at strengthening women's interaction for sustainable development and increasing the role of women in addressing global challenges.

**Take into account** the documents and recommendations published after the Third Eurasian Women's Forum, in particular the W20 Communique adopted on July 21, 2022 in Jakarta, as well as the results of international events held with the participation of the Council of the Eurasian Women's Forum, including the First International Forum *Women in STEM*; the international expert session in Istanbul *Women's Leadership in the Development of Technology and Innovation in the Nuclear Industry*; the session of the Eurasian Women's Forum within the framework of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum *New Development Strategies: How Megatrends Affect Women's Economic Potential*; the International Conference of Russian Compatriots *Consolidation of Women's Associations and Their Role in Modern Social Processes*; the session of the Eurasian Women's Forum within the framework of the Russia–Africa Summit.

**Note** the practical effectiveness of the work of the Eurasian Women's Forums and the high level of implementation of the final documents adopted at the Forums, that have made it possible to expand interaction between women at other international venues, including the Nevsky International Environmental Congress; the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum; the Eastern Economic Forum; the International Women's Forum in Kazakhstan; and others.

**Welcome** the formation and launch of new women's associations, including the Eurasian Association of Women – Regional Leaders; the World Federation of Russian-Speaking Women; and the APEC BEST AWARD Women's Entrepreneurship Contest Participants and Winners Club.

**Note:**

the successful practical development of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance as a global platform for promoting women's entrepreneurship among the Association States and beyond, and the successful organization of the BRICS Women's Entrepreneurship Forum by the BRICS Women's Business Alliance;

the effective operation of the Council of the Eurasian Women's Forum, which implements projects with international participation, including the educational program *Woman as a Leader*;

the publication of women success stories on the Eurasian Women's Forum portal;

the work of the coordination mechanism between the Eurasian Women's Forum and the Women 20 within the framework of the Forum;

the formation of a community of women scientists, the establishment of the Young Medicine Award and the emergence of the Woman Scientist Award;

the establishment of the International Council of Women in Technology and Industry and its expansion to 12 participating countries;

the creation of an environmental platform for the Eurasian Women's Forum and professional communities of women in light industry, high-tech industries, and the extractive industry.

**Believe** that the above-mentioned achievements contribute to strengthening equality and justice; increasing women's participation and enhancing their role in social development; realizing women's potential in addressing strategic issues in all spheres of society.

The Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum has once again demonstrated the contribution of women to the development of humanitarian cooperation as well as the importance of creative potential of the cultures of all peoples, including their unifying and civilizational significance.

**Support** the further realization of the initiatives and projects of the Eurasian Women's Forum and the new women's associations created on its sidelines.

**Based on the results of the Forum discussions and taking into consideration the current reality, we:**

**Call upon** the states, international organizations and national public associations to:

expand the practice of promoting women's representation in leadership positions, including public service, in accordance with the expertise, and encourage women's economic and business activity, women's participation in scientific research and the development of women's entrepreneurship;

continue to create conditions for women's participation in public institutions and support their engagement in civic activities;

continue to take measures to protect women and children from domestic violence, and promote fair and equal access to health services and social security;

promote additional guarantees for the protection of the family, motherhood and childhood;

continue to emphasize the legislative safeguarding of women's political, economic, social and cultural rights;

draw public attention to the achievements of women in various fields of scientific knowledge and the creation of innovative technologies, products and services necessary for improving the quality of life among the people and meeting the state national priorities;

utilize the best international practices in ensuring accessibility of education for women; creating opportunities for preserving traditional family values and developing the scientific careers of young researchers; combining women's family and career responsibilities;

continue to promote dialogue among the states on the advancement of women, taking into consideration the need to support and preserve the religious and cultural heritage of the peoples of the world.

**Emphasize** the concern for the health and well-being of women and children; the fight against poverty and hunger; the preservation of public health; accessible education for all; the need to overcome inequalities and other social problems, solving which determines the future of each individual, society and state, as key factors in ensuring sustainable development.

**Propose** to make more active use of existing UN mechanisms for the realization of women's rights.

**Express our interest** in developing relations between the states based on the principles of good-neighborliness and mutual respect, as well as our readiness to work together to ensure equal conditions for genuine and lasting peace as a guarantee of protection against any threat.

**Recognize** the need to further increase the participation of women in preventing and resolving conflict situations, as well as in peace-making efforts, post-conflict rehabilitation and peacekeeping.

**Draw attention** to the need to ensure a comprehensive and meaningful dialogue between the women's organizations and associations and the academic community, representatives of business, civil society and governments of international states within the framework of the Eurasian Women's Forum.

**Affirm** the aspiration of women to make a significant contribution to the formation of a multipolar world based on mutual respect in order to ensure a stable and thriving future for all peoples.

**Advocate** addressing the challenges of hunger and poverty, and support the efforts of the G20 to create a global alliance to fight hunger and eradicate poverty.

**Stress** the importance of increasing women's participation and role in international organizations.

**Express** our confidence that women can make a significant contribution to peace, security and stability in the countries of the Eurasian region.

**Emphasize** the need to develop a fair system of global governance in which no country or group of countries can suspend or hinder the development of other states in an attempt to deprive them of a better future.

**Consider** the policy of sanctions against other countries unacceptable as it is destabilizing the world economy; worsening the situation of the population, especially women and children; impeding the development of world science and international academic cooperation, and **call for** the condemnation of restrictive measures against parliamentarians, including women parliamentarians.

**Advocate** an end to the policy of unilateral sanctions to avoid exacerbating global problems and crises.

**Consider** neocolonialism **unacceptable** in all its forms and **support** the aspirations of the peoples of developing countries to gain political and economic independence and to choose their own path of development.

**Call for** respect for cultural diversity and the development of inter-ethnic and inter-confessional dialog.

**Call for** respect for the historical memory of the peoples and **consider** the falsification of history **unacceptable** in all its forms, including attempts to revise the outcome of the Second World War and the glorification of Nazism.

Strongly **condemn** terrorism as one of the most dangerous threats to world safety and security.

**Declare** the importance of protecting traditional spiritual and moral values based on the ideals of humanism, mercy, the value of human life and the family, as well as mutual assistance and mutual respect.

**Propose** to expand the Women for the Preservation of Traditions contest to the international level.

**Call on** the governments of our countries to take all possible measures to protect and strengthen the institution of the family, motherhood and childhood; the social protection of women, as well as protection of their health; and to support women in difficult circumstances.

**Express** our support for the further development and financing of initiatives aimed at strengthening women's entrepreneurship. **Call for** the establishment of specialized international centers providing advisory and methodological help to women who have their own businesses. **Propose** the establishment of a global network of women's business incubators to provide women with access to the necessary resources, knowledge and markets.

**Note** the important contribution of women entrepreneurs to the recovery and development of the world economy and to the well-being of the population of our countries, and **call on** all governments to support women's entrepreneurship.

**Support** regular "mobile parlors" at international venues created for sharing best practices for women's empowerment at the national and corporate levels.

**Encourage** national and international campaigns to promote women's success stories through media projects.

**Encourage** national and international awards and contests, hackathons and seed accelerators to stimulate the development of projects led by women to meet the current scientific, economic and social needs.

**Express our interest in:**

the development of online platforms for ensuring sustainable international communication between women professionals in sharing their career experience;

the organization of business missions to other countries with the participation of women professionals to exchange experience, study best practices and develop international relations.

**Encourage** the conduct of research to monitor the gender situation in the world and in individual countries.

**Advocate** cooperation with tech companies to integrate corporate practices for supporting women professionals into business.

**Encourage** collaboration between women from different fields of science and industries to create multidisciplinary solutions.

**Call for:**

the development and expansion of international programs aimed at supporting women in high-tech sectors of the economy, including the field of STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics);

the development of cooperation with universities to create an accessible educational environment for girls in STEM fields;

the creation of mentoring programs in the fields where there is a shortage of female professionals.

**Encourage** holding a global competition aimed at increasing women's participation in education and research programs, as well as supporting and promoting women mentors in these fields.

**Suggest** that all interested countries and international organizations develop international programs aimed at eliminating gender inequality in access to digital technologies and online education, especially in developing countries. The modern world requires digital skills, and it is important to ensure that women have equal access to relevant resources.

**Emphasize** the need to develop creative economy, and express support for women in the creative industries in the context of increasing their employment, creativity and economic growth. **Recognize** the contribution of women to the creative economy and **propose** the establishment of an international forum on women in creative industries to discuss successful business models, identify global opportunities for growth and remove existing barriers.

**Note** the effective implementation of the public project *Preventive Shield of the Country* in Russia under the auspices of the Eurasian Women's Forum, aimed at reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases and increasing health literacy among the population. As part of this project, over 130,000 people took "preventive quizzes", over 3,500 people were examined and consulted by medical specialists, and more than 50 events were held. **Propose** to expand the experience of this project, including to the BRICS countries, with the support of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance and the BRICS Women's Entrepreneurship Forum on the basis of a jointly developed plan.

**Support** the idea proposed at the Forum to establish a medicine safety certification system among the BRICS member countries.

**Consider it necessary** to create an international alliance to support women's health, aimed at promoting disease prevention programs, improving access to medical services and information, and developing innovative methods to support mental health. Special attention should be paid to reproductive health issues, as access to state support within this area is still limited in a number of countries.

**Call for** the development and implementation of national and international strategies aimed at creating conditions for women's participation in all spheres of society, including increasing women's representation in government bodies and in leadership positions in the corporate and public sectors. **Advocate** the introduction of programs to develop women's leadership skills, starting at school and university.

**Call for** the development and implementation of global strategies aimed at eliminating the gender pay gap and improving working conditions. It is important that women, who make up a significant part of the global labor force, have equal rights and opportunities in the labor market.

**Emphasize** the importance of women's active participation in addressing global challenges. **Appeal** to all governments of the world, as well as international organizations to support these initiatives and to cooperate in their implementation in order to achieve sustainable development of society and a just future.

**Declare** our intention to strengthen the coordination and interaction of women's organizations from different countries in order to contribute to stability and peace in the Eurasian space and to develop cooperation between the Eurasian Women's Forum and interested international organizations and associations in that direction.

**Consider it necessary** for women to take an active part in addressing global environmental problems, including climate change and the preservation of natural resources. Support the organization of environmental projects contest among women of the BRICS countries. **Encourage** the implementation of educational and outreach programs and initiatives aimed at raising environmental awareness among women and supporting their participation in environmental projects for sustainable development.

**Support** the idea proposed at The Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum to establish an international working group on food security.

**Call for** assistance in expanding the possibilities for the practical application of educational specialized electronic platforms to improve the level of knowledge in the field of modern agriculture among students and teachers of higher vocational education institutions that train specialists for the agricultural sector of the economy of the Russian Federation, as well as in creating conditions for the exchange of best practices between participants in such educational programs.

**Call for** strengthening the role of interstate formats that are based on collective approaches to international development, as well as for expanding women's cooperation within the BRICS, EAEU, CIS and SCO frameworks, their active participation in establishing direct interaction between the states, and strengthening partnerships between the BRICS, EAEU, CIS, SCO.

**Call for** annual contests with the participation of women entrepreneurs from Asia-Pacific countries to be held at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, as well as for the development of the activities of the APEC International Club of Women Entrepreneurs.

**Emphasize** the importance of strengthening cooperation in a spirit of mutual understanding and trust in a multilateral inter-state format in response to global challenges aimed at shaping a just, democratic and sustainable world order; **note** the need to depoliticize international economic relations and respect the right of the states to choose their national path of development.

**Call on** all states to strictly observe the principle of sovereign equality regardless of the level of their political and economic development.

**Call for** further improvement of the work of the World Federation of Russian-Speaking Women.

**Believe it necessary** to strengthen cooperation among the Eurasian states on issues of ensuring safety and security, and preventing the deepening of dividing lines, conflicts, extra-regional military presence and the creation of threats to other states of the region.

**Appeal** to all progressive women's organizations of the world to engage in activities to create an equitable world order based on the coexistence of diverse cultures and civilizations, the balance of power and the interests of all participants in the international community.

**Emphasize the importance** of strengthening ties between women's organizations from different countries. **Invite** to create a global platform for the exchange of best practices and solutions and the implementation of initiatives aimed at empowering women.

**Propose** to work on the possibility of creating a new educational stream of the *Woman Leader* program for women of the BRICS countries.

**Support** the suggestion of establishing a title of the "Ambassador of the Eurasian Women's Forum" and **request** the Council of the Eurasian Women's Forum to explore the possibility of realization of such a suggestion.

**Express** our gratitude to the Forum Organizers: the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation and the Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States for the successful holding of the Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum.