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Supporting the International Decade for People of African Descent

In its 2015 Manifesto, WILPF committed to eradicating war by addressing its root causes. Among the causes identified were social systems of racist supremacy, cultural domination and religious hierarchy. The Manifesto included an urgent undertaking to strive creatively to bring about social systems that accord no privilege to people or peoples of a given physical type, culture or religion. In the 2022 document “WILPF’s Commitment to becoming an anti-racist movement,” we have stated that as a feminist peace movement, we are committed to take action to identify, address and counter both the causes and the manifestations of such structural racism within our movement, so we are in a better position to fight it in the world.

There is a need to strengthen national, regional and international cooperation in relation to the full enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights by people of African descent, and their full and equal participation in all aspects of society. The UN General Assembly has proclaimed 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2024 to be the International Decade for People of African Descent ([resolution 68/237](#)). The theme for the International Decade is identified as “People of African descent: recognition, justice and development” with the following objectives:

- Promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by people of African Descent, as recognised in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#);
- Promote a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies;
- Adopt and strengthen national, regional and international legal frameworks according to the [Durban Declaration and Programme of Action](#) and the [International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination](#) and to ensure their full and effective implementation.

This 33rd International WILPF Congress welcomes the UN General Assembly’s initiative for the International Decade for People of African Descent. Congress calls on all Sections and Groups to support the initiative by:

*Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC, UNCTAD, UNESCO and UNEP.
Special Consultative Relations with FAO, ILO and UNICEF.*

- Disseminating the draft programme of action produced by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent;
- Publicising the welcoming of the proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent on WILPF Sections and Groups' websites until its end in December 2024;
- Mandating the workforce on antiracism to embed the framework of the draft programme of action by the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent in their action plan;
- Working proactively to promote respect, protection and fulfilment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by people of African Descent, and a greater knowledge of and respect for the diverse heritage, culture and contribution of people of African descent to the development of societies.

The Congress also requests WILPF Sections and Groups to report to the International Secretariat on actions taken to support the International Decade.

The Congress calls on the International Secretariat to:

- Support WILPF Sections and Groups in using relevant spaces available to advocate to strengthen national, regional and international legal frameworks including the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and work to strengthen their full and effective participation;
- Report to the next Congress on the advancements made in WILPF's work towards recognition, justice and development of people of African descent.