



WILPF Resolution on a federal democratic constitution for Nepal

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), meeting at the Quadrennial Congress in Costa Rica, in San José, Costa Rica in August 2011,

Recognising that Nepal is passing through a progressive political and socioeconomic transition since the defeat of its monarchy in April 2006 and that it is very important during this transition to establish sustainable peace,

Noting that due mainly to the denials and hesitations of the Unified Communist Party of Nepal (Maost) [UCPN(M)], the three major political parties have done nothing substantial, especially in accomplishing the basic tasks of peace process and preparing a unified draft of the Federal Democratic Constitution of the country to be carried out by the existing Constituent Assembly (CA), due to some sectarian attitudes of other major political parties,

Bearing in mind that the two year term of the CA has been extended twice, firstly, on 28 May 2010 for one year and secondly, on 28 May 2011 for three months up to 31 August 2011, and that during the second extension, the three major political parties of Nepal, signed a peace agreement,

Noting with distress that the 31 August 2011 deadline for this draft is approaching, and that the agreement reached by the three political parties to prepare a unified draft, if not carried out by the CA, may lead to the danger of a dissolution of the CA, which would lead to a chaotic situation and conflict situation,

Recognising that women are disproportionately and uniquely impacted by conflict;

Bearing in mind that United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 calls for action on the protection and participation of women during conflict and post conflict situation,

1. *Calls on* the international community to urge the political parties to start the process of promulgating a progressive democratic Constitution of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal so as to prevent a possible conflict situation; and
2. Resolves to support and encourage the ruling parties to ensure that women are represented in the ongoing discussions and negotiations.