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International Association of First Ladies for Peace

The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) was inaugurated at the World Summit 2020, which was held at the Kintex Center in Seoul, Korea from February 3-7. The IAFLP is a project of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), which is one of the primary program units of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), the main sponsor of the World Summit 2020. Women's Federation for World Peace, International (WFWPI) assisted UPF in the organization of this event.

The Universal Peace Federation (UPF) was founded in 2005 as an international and interreligious network of individuals and organizations, including representatives from religion, government, civil society and the private sector and is dedicated to achieving world peace. An NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, UPF supports the work of the United Nations, particularly in the areas of interfaith peacebuilding, peace education, and the strengthening of marriage and family. The Universal Peace Federation was founded by the late Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

Established in 2019 by UPF, the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) is a network of current and former heads of state and government who, through dialogue and collaboration, explore solutions and offer recommendations to address critical problems of the world, including climate change and environmental issues, religious conflicts poverty, war, corruption and family breakdown.

The International Association of First Ladies (IAFLP) affirms and uplifts the unique role of first ladies in contributing to peace and development. IAFLP brings together current and former first ladies from throughout the world, drawing upon their experience and wisdom as women leaders and as role models who serve their countries in significant ways.

Women's Federation for World Peace, International (WFWPI) was founded in 1992 by the late Dr. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. WFWPI promotes women as essential to creating a peaceful global society. With active chapters and humanitarian projects in more than 120 countries, WFWP aims to create an environment of peace and well-being for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds. An NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, WFWP maintains offices for UN relations in New York, Geneva and Vienna.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

International Association of First Ladies for Peace Inaugural Assembly

Building a World of Lasting Peace

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The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP), a project of the International Summit Council for Peace, a primary program unit of Universal Peace Federation, was inaugurated during the World Summit 2020. The Summit, a special centenary celebration of the life and work of Dr. Sun Myung Moon, was held at the KINTEX Center outside Seoul from February 3 - 7, 2020.

The assembly, titled "Building a World of Lasting Peace: A First Ladies' Initiative" was organized with the assistance of Women's Federation for World Peace and the First Lady of Palau, Mme. Debbie Remengesau, who convened the Asia-Pacific First Ladies Summit in December 2019 in her country.

In its founding Resolution, the IAFLP declared it brings together "women leaders from all national, racial and religious backgrounds and all sectors of society, together with those who have lived the responsibility of first ladies in their nations, uniting in solidarity to respond to today's challenges. The loving and sacrificial leadership of women working together to empower our youth for good-ness, to build cohesive communities and, with men, establish models of ethical and balanced lead-ership to guide them has never been more critical."

Unanimously passed at the conclusion of the assembly, the IAFLP Resolution stands up for the central role that women and mothers have played throughout human history as "decisive contribu-tors to reconciliation, peacebuilding, reconstruction and development in the wider society and world." IAFLP proudly takes its place supporting the International Summit Council for World Peace (ISCP) and the Summit's main sponsor, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and its core associations, which are dedicated to creating a world that is interdependent, mutually prosperous and based on universally shared values.

Mrs. Merly Barlaan, president in the WFWP Philippines, invited current first ladies to be seated on the stage. Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, director of the WFWPI Offices for UN Relations and Emcee, welcomed a room

filled to capacity with prominent women leaders from every continent, and explained the significance of the assembly.

Opening remarks were given by Mme. Julia Moon, president of WFWPI and director of the Universal Ballet. Addressing the prestigious gathering, she spoke with warmth of the visionary leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband's lifelong commitment to peace, as well as the vast network of organizations to which they have dedicated their lives. She thanked Mme. Debbie Remengesau for pioneering the First Ladies Association, saying, "Your passion, love, warmth and embracing leadership are an inspiration. IAFLP is an innovative initiative started by Mother Moon to harness the maternal qualities of women to work for peace beyond our families." She added, "Imagine what change could come about if we could bring together our wealth of knowledge, talent, experience and resolve to remedy some of the social, environmental and other problems of our time."

In the first panel, "Special Addresses I. Toward a Culture of Peace and Co-Prosperity: The Role of First Ladies," Mme. Remengesau, first lady of Palau, spoke about the launching of the Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit. "We are gathered again today to inaugurate this special session to jumpstart what would become a powerful partnership between first ladies, visionary women and prominent women leaders who share the same desires and ideals to build a future filled with peace, prosperity and stability.... We must look into ourselves, draw upon that value, and work together as women traditionally would, to create solutions to challenges that threaten our families, our homes and our nations." She closed her remarks with an ancient Palauan chant.

Mme. Ingrid Aingimea, first lady of Nauru, an island country in Micronesia, spoke next about building people-power and the importance of accountability. "The critical issues of our time and the thematic areas we must ensure are the values which we hold dear, so that goodwill, integrity, kindness and respect are extended at all times." Continuing, she explained, "A government cannot be seen as democratic if it is not accountable to its people, and that democracy must value people over profits. When we look beyond power, wealth, status and influence and apply the universal values of peace and goodwill, it becomes a common cause of empowerment and prosperity for our nations."

On behalf of Mme. Ginger Kabua, first lady of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mme. Lieom A. Loeak, former first lady, thanked Mother Moon for convening the event. She said, "We are currently facing a 6-month health emergency due to dengue fever, and we are always confronted with the serious effects of climate change. As now the world is affected by a global pandemic, the COVID-19 virus, and we are coming together to stop it, we must do the same for all issues. We must use opportunities such as we see at this Summit to learn from one another and be proactive in our responses to each others' struggles."

Former first lady of Nicaragua Mme. Maria Fernanda Flores Lanzas' speech was titled, "The Role of Women in Nicaraguan Politics." With conviction, she described the inaccessibility to decision-making of women in Latin America until the mid 1900s, expressing that to date, there have been only three female heads of state in that region. "Global legal frameworks for women's em-powerment, like CEDAW, have helped but progress has been mostly on an individual scale. Nicaragua's civil rebellion of 2012 had a woman's face. Gender equality policies must translate into women's voices contributing to problem solving. Let us work together to claim respect and not rest until we live in a world of freedom, justice and opportunities for all women. Thank you to

Mother Moon, a spiritual guide and great woman leader!"

The next speaker was Mme. Patience Jonathan, former first lady of Nigeria, a country of over 206 million. She explained, "Peace is the ground upon which sustainable development is built. It is the atmosphere in which prosperity and other virtues like love, justice and equality can blossom. This is why everybody has to volunteer to promote peace, no matter our role and status in our societies." She called for gender equality and justice in all spheres of society. "I call on women around the world to stand firm and continue with their task of peacebuilding in their respective nations, no matter the challenges and difficulties they face," she said.

The final speech of the first panel was delivered by Hon. Dr. Emilia Patricia Alfaro de Franco, former first lady and a member of the Senate in Paraguay. With passion, she spoke of women's struggle to be recognized and of the historic deep yearning for democracy by the women of Paraguay. By being at the side of her husband during his term of office, she was able to recognize and create opportunities for the vulnerable and disenfranchised and pursue the promotion and protec-tion of human rights. At that time, two women ministers were appointed. "Our countries and peoples need us," she expressed to the First Ladies in attendance. "I urge that we do not leave vacant the role of the first lady, but work to develop the influence of the family, social commitment and faith in our beliefs."

A second panel of the session entitled, "Special Addresses II: Identifying Successful Initiatives and the Future of IAFLP," was introduced by Ms. Handschin as an opportunity to think together about plans, networking and concrete initiatives that could coalesce first ladies, institutions, civil society and the private sector in the pursuit of cultures of peace.

The first speaker was Mme. Fionnuala Kenny, wife of the former prime minister of Ireland, who described her as a nation devastated for many years by poverty and immigration. "There are 6.2 million Irish people on the island now, but we have 75 million people around the world who claim Irish heritage." Attributing Ireland's progress and economic growth to its entry into the European Union in 1973, she said that their country now works to support new, especially less developed, nations. She praised the new first ladies' association. "For women leaders, particularly for first la-dies, who may have little experience in public life, there is great value and importance in a network that can show you the power you can have, or that you can use, to make the world a better place for our children."

Mme. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, former prime minister of Finland, stated "Equality in participation and decision-making in society at all levels, from grassroots to governmental positions, is important." Despite many advancements and achievements, she said that "Most of the world's illiterates are women, and poverty among women is increasing." She called on civil society and governments to improve these "disturbing signs."

Dr. Svjetlana Jovic of the civil affairs office, UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), who has had more than 20 years' experience in UN peacekeeping, peacebuilding and conflict resolution, emphasized the involvement of women in the peace process. Dr. Jovic called upon participants "to promote core values and to serve as role models to younger generations….Young people need someone to look up to and someone who will advocate for their interests: parents, mothers, grand-parents, guardians. The more women are seen in positions of power and decision-making, the more positive, holistic and based on

empathy these decisions will be."

Dr. Celine Guerin, neuroscientist and trauma therapist in Switzerland, reminded the audience that the critical element in healing and living in peace is "love." "All my research and clinical therapy as a neuroscientist is rooted there. The trauma of violence, anger, death, fear, competition is embedded in our cells over generations and will affect our emotions and relationships. Through science, we are able to reverse the epigenetic modifications so that we heal trauma and bring ourselves to be able to receive and give love unencumbered."

Mrs. Laura Clark, co-founder of the Palau Legacy Project, spoke of the effect the First Lady's project has had on her daily behavior and her own life work. Through the Palau Pledge, a mandatory stamp in the passport of all visitors, and addressed to the children of Palau, thousands have become more aware of the effect that they personally have, good or bad, on the natural environment. Reiterating the words of Mme. Remengesau, she closed by saying that we need to take responsible action in our own countries.

Other attendees included Mme. Aman Agbomson Klutse, wife of the former prime minister of Togo; Mme. Callista Mutharika, former first lady of Malawi; Mme. Graciela Rompani, Alvarez Caldeyro Barcia Foundation, Uruguay; Mme. Koila Nailatikau, former first lady of Fiji; Mme. Bernadette Tong, former first lady of Kiribati; Mme. Sitti Abdallah Mwinyi, former first lady of Tanzania; Mme. Flutura Ahmeti, wife of the former prime minister of Albania; Mme. Medine Hanku, wife of the former president of Albania.

Among the other speakers and attendees were Mme. Patricia Marroquín de Argueta, former first lady of Guatemala. Closing remarks for the session were given by Dr. Samia Burton, assistant clinical professor of medicine in George Washington University in the United States, who described the establishment of the IAFLP as "the 'crème de la crème,' the best of the best, as they say in French. The very best of all the associations for peace that were founded by Mother Moon." She thanked Mother Moon for her "vision, commitment, courage and hard work" and praised her family, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and her husband, Mr. In Sup Park, and Mme. Julia Moon.

A short interlude performance by The Little Angels Children's Folk Ballet of Korea provided delightful cultural entertainment while a light meal was served at each table.

The Inaugural Session of the IAFLP was moderated by Ms. Angelika Selle, President of WFWP USA, who said, "We can all feel this new association is well off the ground and ready to move to the next level and into action."

Dr. Thomas Walsh, chair of UPF International, was invited to give congratulatory remarks. He thanked WFWPI and Mme. Remengesau for the quality of the assembly and explained UPF's hopes for a strong collaboration in the future. The role of women "is no longer a question...In this room, there are parliamentarians, heads of states, not just first ladies, but many other leading figures, religious leaders. We need what women bring to the table and we need to be able to integrate that fully into our work."

Hon. Faustina Rehurer-Marugg, minister of State of Palau, gave opening remarks on behalf of President H.E. Tommy Remengesau. "We live in peace and stability with nature which provides our sustenance. If the plant is endangered, so is the human. Let's use this opportunity to build strong partnerships and solidarity as we continue to champion our good causes for the benefit of the whole

world."

Senior vice president of WFWP International Dr. Sun Jin Moon took to the stage to inspire the IAFLP delegation with her vision and call to action. She outlined many of the critical issues facing humanity, but most fundamentally, "At the deepest level, there is a crisis of the human heart and conscience. There is a crisis rooted in a failure to understand our true identity."

"It is only when we come to recognize the depth of God's reality, and the divine dignity of each person, that we each can become a light, a compass that shows the way out of the chaos that surrounds us, our families and communities."

To formally inaugurate the new association, Ms. Blessie Dhakal, president of WFWP Nepal, read the "Resolution for the Establishment of the IAFLP." She quoted, "The loving and sacrificial leadership of women working together to empower our youth for goodness, to build cohesive communities and, with men, establish models of ethical and balanced leadership to guide them has never been more critical."

After a presentation of gifts, congratulatory addresses were offered by distinguished participants.

Mme. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, former prime minister of Finland, said that she would like to thank the founding members, mothers of the Women's Federation and all that has been happening here during the summit, because of Father and Mother Moon and their family. "It is very important that we have signed this resolution, writing our names in history. While women have always shaped the histories of their nations, they are seldom remembered. In Finland our new prime minister is a woman, and the majority of our government are women. I am sure that they will shape the future for a better Finland."

Mme. Dalia Itzik, former president of Israel, addressed the group, saying. "It is astonishing to me to see how one woman (Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon) dedicates everything, together with her family, throughout her life seeking for peace and fostering noble values. My husband is here with me. I truly pray that when my daughter reaches my age and looks back, she will be as satisfied as I am today."

Mme. Sujata Koirala, former deputy prime minister and foreign minister of Nepal, praised the IAFLP, which "will be led by women in order to foster maternal instincts such as unconditional love, the willingness to sacrifice, create forgiveness and sibling harmony. Mother Moon calls this the 'Logic of Love.' …When families are strong, stable and nurturing children and grandchildren properly, then the society and the nation benefit."

Mme. Bernadette Meme Tong, former first lady of the Republic of Kiribati, came to the stage with a written speech but explained that she preferred to speak from the heart. "Coming from the smallest island in the middle of the South Pacific, I see that we are all striving for peace in so many ways. I cannot say more than has already been said, I am just so happy to be a part of this organization".

Closing remarks were offered by Mme. Koila Nailatikau, former first lady of Fiji. "Women's representation matters, but it is essential for men to realize their privilege and make a seat at the table for women, just as Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon did when he acknowledged Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as True Mother, as his equal in their path towards universal peace. Reverend Moon knew that when you teach a man, you teach a man, but when you teach a woman, you teach a generation. May we take these lessons to our nations, our homes, our

families and instill the seeds of love, respect, inclusivity, and equality to begin a better world for our next generation. And for our strong powerful women: May we know them, may we be them, and may we raise them!"

The session concluded with all 18 former and current first ladies in attendance, alongside WFWP International President Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and Professor Yeon Ah Moon, chair of UPF Korea, signing the resolution of commitment to work together for peace and to address the international cultural and social issues of the day. Support for the new IAFLP partnership was further confirmed in the resounding closing applause of all women leaders present.

Very special appreciation to the WFWPI headquarters staff and the advance team, including those not yet mentioned; Mrs. Paris Moon, Mrs. Mion Tsuchiaka, and Mrs. Laura Hornbeck for their tireless work behind the scenes.



Building a World of Lasting Peace: A First Ladies Initiative 2020

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BUILDING A WORLD OF LASTING PEACE : A FIRST LADIES INITIATIVE

SESSION ONE

Special Addresses I: "Towards a Culture of Peace and Co-Prosperity: The Role of First Ladies"

- Introductions: Master of Ceremony, Mrs. Merly C. Barlaan, Secretary General, WFWP Asia
- Opening Statement: Moderator, Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, Director WFWPI United Nations Office, Vienna, Austria
- Video Presentation: Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit Palau
- Welcoming Address: Mme. Julia Moon, President, WFWP International
- Keynote Address: Mme. Debbie M. Remengesau, First Lady, Republic of Palau
- Special Addresses I: "Towards a Culture of Peace and Co-Prosperity: The Role of First Ladies"
    - Mme. Ingrid Aingimea, First Lady, Nauru
    - Mme. Lieom Anono Loeak, Former First Lady, Marshall Islands
    - Mme. Maria Fernanda Flores Lanzas Aleman, Former First Lady, Nicaragua
    - Mme. Patience Jonathan, Former First Lady, Nigeria
    - Mme. Dra. Emilia Patricia Alfaro de Franco, Former First Lady, Paraguay

Special Addresses II: "Identifying Successful Initiatives and the Future of IAFLP"

- Mme. Fionnuala Kenny, Spouse of Former Prime Minister, Ireland
- Dr. Celine Guerin, Neuroscientist and trauma therapist, Switzerland
- Dr. Svetlana Jovic, Director UN Peacekeeping Mission in Lebanon
- Mrs. Laura J. Clarke, Co-Founder, Palau Legacy Project

- Session One Closing Remarks
    - Dr. Samia Burton, Spouse of former US Congressman Dan Burton

SESSION TWO

- Greetings: Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chair of UPF International
- Inaugural Address: Dr. Sun Jin Moon, Sr. Vice President, WFWP International

- ***SPECIAL ADDRESSES:***
    - Hon. Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg, Minister of State, Republic of Palau
    - H.E. Anneli T. Jaatteenmaki, Former Prime Minister, Republic of Finland
    - H.E. Dalia Itzik, Former President, State of Israel
    - Mme. Bernadette Meme Tong, Former First Lady, Republic of Kiribati
    - Mme. Adi Koila M. Nailatikau, Former First Lady, Republic of Fiji

- Reading of the Resolution for the Establishment of IAFLP
- Ceremonial Signing of the Resolution by First Ladies



Mme. Julia H. Moon

President of Women's Federation for World Peace International

Excellences, first ladies, distinguished guests and women leaders from throughout the world, ladies and gentlemen!

I am truly humbled to stand before such an impressive gathering. It is a great honor to welcome you to the assembly of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace. Thank you for being here for this meaningful gathering. Your presence today is truly and deeply appreciated.

Have you been enjoying the Summit? We had some cold weather, but I think the passion in the Kintex Hall these past few days is making us forget the cold outside.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Korea, the homeland of Father and Mother Moon, and to participate together with you in the World Summit 2020 and the centenary celebration of the life of my father-in-law, Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

His lifelong commitment to lasting peace, human dignity and co-prosperity lives on strong in Mother Moon, as evidenced in this monumental gathering that she has so caringly and meticu-lously prepared.

Since his ascension eight years ago, with a loving mother's heart, our Mother Moon has led the vast network of peace organizations that they created. Mother Moon has also created new initiatives, such as the World Summit and the very moving and inspiring Sun Hak Peace Prize we all attended this morning.

Could you please join me in giving a warm round of applause to our Mother Moon for her great love, her visionary leadership and for bringing us all together!

As you saw in the video just now, it was a little more than a month ago that some of us met in the beautiful Republic of Palau with First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau, who also graciously and enthusiastically co-hosted our assembly today. In Palau we launched the International Association of First Ladies for Peace in the region of Oceania.

We learned how profoundly she cares for her nation and her region, and how serious she is in her engagement with youth and in protecting their pristine natural environment. As you saw in the video, we also had the great support of H.E. Tommy Remengesau Jr., President of the Republic of Palau. How does the saying go? Beside every great woman is a great man!

We are very grateful for that support, and I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and once again thank Mme. Remengesau for pioneering the way for the establishment of the IAFLP. Thank you so much.

During the Summit in Palau, Mme. Remengesau took all the participants out to the ocean. We swam in the waters, danced on the beach, put mud on our faces and ate organic food under the palm trees. It was a magical, unforgettable experience that healed our spirits and bonded us together. Your passion, love and warm embracing leadership is truly an inspiration and a perfect example of women's leadership that we are all aiming to achieve.

No doubt each of you here today has been deeply touched in different ways by the needs in your nations. I know you have created and nurtured special programs and projects to address those needs.
Imagine what change could come about if we could bring together our wealth of knowledge, talent, experience, and resolve to remedy some of the social, environmental and other problems of our time.

The innovative vision for this organization came from Mother Moon herself, allowing us to build friendships and to create a pathway for cooperation. You are women with responsibility for the citizens of your nations, and through this gathering you are going beyond politics, race, religion, and worldview.

As mothers, we have an innate tenacity, creativity and willpower that accompanies our single-minded concern for our children's development and protection.

The goal of the network we are establishing today is to harness those maternal qualities beyond the family microcosm to work together, as it cannot be done alone, to turn this world around from conflict and destruction to become a world of reconciliation and peace.

The capacity, strength and drive of women and mothers who are engaged and dedicated to peace and justice is heartening. As we stimulate one another in solidarity toward that goal, there is surely no limit to what can be done.

Through the programs of WFWP over nearly 30 years, tens of thousands of girls and women have been provided with opportunities and have been empowered and educated as peace builders in their families and local communities. They have become advocates for their issues and priorities in higher institutions and at the United Nations. We would like to offer you our support in the actual work of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace.

I do not want to take too much time today because we have many wonderful speakers waiting. In closing, I just want to thank all of you again for leaving behind your many other important responsibilities to be here.

I know that Mother Moon holds this initiative very dear to her heart and is eagerly anticipating good news from the deliberations of this assembly and to hear our future plans.

I hope that we can use this time wisely, and as we listen to one another we can gain hope and a brighter and clearer vision of how to go forward together, knowing how important are the voices and commitment of women to creating a culture of peace.

Once again, thank you for being with us today and welcome!



Mme. Debbie M. Remengesau

First Lady of the Republic of Palau

Alii! Yeoboseyo!
Mme. Julia Moon,
First Ladies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for joining us. It is my great pleasure to co-host this inaugural session of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace with Mme. Julia Moon and the Women's Federation for World Peace International, a project of the ISCP under the auspices of the Universal Peace Federation and World Summit 2020.

In December 2019, we gathered together in my homeland, the Republic of Palau, where we co-hosted the successful inaugural Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit and launched the International Association of First Ladies for Peace in the Asia Pacific region.

We are gathered again today to inaugurate this special session, and to jumpstart what will become a powerful partnership between first ladies, visionary women and prominent women leaders. We share the same desires and ideals to build a future filled with peace, prosperity and stability.

In Palau, our ancient culture has always recognized and celebrated the important role women play in society. As my husband mentioned in the short video, Palauan women are raised with a belief and knowledge of their natural inherent value. We all share this value. Every woman is endowed with this value despite nationality, cultural background and religion.

As we continue to build our new network, let us all be encouraged by the fact that as women, our time is now. We must look into ourselves, draw upon that inherent value, and work together, as women traditionally do, to create solutions to challenges that threaten our families, our homes and our nations.

Look around the room and see for yourselves that women hold distinctive positions in society, from heads of state, to leaders of corporations and organizations, lawyers, doctors, decision makers and many more. First ladies are no different. We, as spouses of decision makers, lead community-based initiatives and projects that complement and support our husbands' national priorities. Women are born with a natural ability to lead, to nurture and care for the community as a whole.

We are uniquely positioned in the community and often work more closely with the grassroots and most vulnerable members of our society – children and the elderly

population – fighting for empowerment, social development, equality and a better future for all.

In this new decade, we must step into our roles and lead by example. We must create tangible solutions to support stability and peace in our communities. All of this can be achieved with partnership through this network.

During the First Ladies Summit in Palau, we spoke about practical ways we could learn from one another. We need to take bold actions and create tangible outcomes to address climate change and marine pollution, to ensure access to education and health to provide peace and stability for our children's future.

Without a healthy planet there will be conflict. If there is not enough food and water or even land to go around, people will fight for resources, they will be displaced through climate change and lose everything. Peace is only possible if we have a healthy environment in which to live.

As Pacific Islanders we have always lived in harmony with the natural world, which has led to peace. We have always had plentiful ways to feed and look after our families and community. Our culture has deep-rooted values of caring for one another and helping each other. Sadly, these values and our way of life are under threat from outside forces that are beyond our control, creating a culture of over-consumption at the expense of our planet. This will cause an erosion of our ancient community values of kinship and selflessness, destroying our peaceful, united way of life.

Pacific Island children are also on the front line of climate change, which neither they or their ancestors have contributed to. Our children will pay the high price for other countries' addiction to consumerism, which is having catastrophic impacts on our brothers and sisters in Pacific. In just 30 years children in the Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu will not have a land to call home. When their land disappears so does their culture.

Just take a moment to think about what it would be like to have no home or your entire country disappear beneath the ocean....It's unthinkable. But this is the fate that our Pacific Island children are facing unless the rest of the world starts taking urgent and immediate action.

Today, I would like to share with you some ways that we in Palau have used our ancestral knowledge and culture of conservation to create real-world solutions to the big environmental issues.

My husband's government makes decisions guided by this traditional knowledge. Our traditional leaders are his close advisors. In this way, we are able to keep our heritage and all its inherent wisdom front of mind when we make decisions. Like our ancestors, we don't make decisions based on short-term needs or desires but instead we make the sometimes hard and very difficult decisions today to protect the world our children will inherit from us tomorrow. This is not always easy, but it's what is right to do.

In Palau our children's inheritance was always the healthy land and ocean that we as parents and grandparents would leave behind for them. Money did not have any part in the equation. Our guiding principle was always the health and survival of those that would follow us.

This is something that we still do today and it's the reason why Palau leads the world in so many conservation laws and initiatives: We are not thinking selfishly of what we want now, we are planning for the health of future generations.

To achieve this, we have a set of tools our chiefs and leaders have used for millennia. One of the most useful of these tools is called

"BUL," meaning conservation, which I want to share with you today.

The philosophy of BUL is a way of life first introduced at the dinner table as a child begins to learn about food portions -- only take what you need. It is passed down from grandparents through story telling. Our identity as people, as Palauans, is woven deeply with nature – the land and our ocean. BUL is also a type of moratorium that can be declared by our chiefs if the community notices that an animal or plant species is in decline and needs to have time to replenish. When the chief declares BUL on that species the whole community knows that they must not harvest it until the BUL is lifted. So BUL has long existed before modern laws and policies. Police are not needed to enforce this because the community knows that this decision is the law and in the best interests of everyone.

It's not as simple as letting the land or the ocean "lie fallow." It's about making sure the next generation of families, of children, still have the land and the ocean that can sustain them that they can enjoy, to build their future, as they should.

If we are to achieve peace, we need to live in harmony with our land and ocean: we all need to adopt the useful tool of BUL and promote it in our homes and countries.

In Palau we have taken the ancient concept of BUL and interpreted it in modern ways that help us protect the world we live in today.

For example, we were the first nation on earth to become a shark sanctuary, declaring a moratorium on the killing of sharks because we realized their vital importance in a balanced, healthy ecosystem.

We were also the first nation on earth to have a nuclear-free constitution, something created by the women of Palau. It was very hard, and these courageous women faced huge opposition from much larger nations who wanted to test weapons in our waters. But as women, they knew they were fighting for the very survival of their families and children, so they did not give up. How could they give up, given what was at stake?

This is a very literal example of how the health of our environment is inextricably linked to peace on our planet.

We heard former president H.E. Tong of Kiribati speak yesterday about the devastating effect of nuclear testing in his own country and in the Marshall Islands. Our women saw what had happened in both countries and refused to let weapons of mass destruction destroy our environment and our children's birth rights. They courageously stood up to stop it and refused to be moved.

Then there was the ultimate interpretation of BUL: the Palau National Marine Sanctuary, declaring 80% of our Exclusive Economic Zone, the EEZ (an area the size of France), to be fully protected as a no-take zone. The Palau National Marine Sanctuary is the largest percentage of fully-protected marine territory in the world. The remaining 20% of our EEZ is designated for local fishing only, meaning that 100% of our waters are closed for commercial fishing. Again, this is BUL in action: allowing us to take only what we need to survive. This was a bold, world-leading move. It was also hard because Palau would lose revenue from commercial fishing in the short term. However, because of the desperate state of our oceans, as Palauans we knew that creating the Palau National Marine Sanctuary was necessary to protect our own future food security and help the rest of the planet's marine life recover. We knew we had to lead by example.

We owe every second breath we take to our precious ocean. It works so hard for us each day, absorbing carbon and providing us with oxygen. It is the blue lungs of our world,

providing us with the very air we breathe. But we don't treat it like our lungs. We pollute it, we attack it, we take from it and we abuse it to the point where it now can't continue to support life on our planet. Our ocean is very sick and we need to help. It needs to heal if we want our children and their children to survive and to have peace.
Science tells us that we need to fully protect at least 30% of the oceans by 2030 if we are to start the healing process. At the moment we are only at 4%. We need to take urgent action to address this issue.

The International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has declared the Resolution 30 x 30 to get governments, businesses and communities to understand the need for protecting 30% of our world's oceans by 2030.

This is one of the most tangible, practical things that we as women can come together and lobby for. We can use the tradition of BUL together to protect our ocean.
Today I hope that you will take this insight and go back home and start talking about this to your communities and leaders. If we come together as women we are unstoppable, and we can do this!

Another successful idea that has come from the concept of BUL is to educate Palau's visitors about our culture so that they respect our natural environment when in Palau.
As a women-led initiative, the Palau Pledge was designed with a vision to inspire and encourage visitors to not only help protect and conserve Palau's environment, but also to consider how they treat our planet when they return home, for the sake of their own children's future.

The Palau Pledge, the official passport stamp of Palau, is printed in every visitor's passport on entry. Everyone who visits our shores must make a mandatory promise to the children of Palau that they will protect and preserve the natural environment and culture for the sake of their future. This pledge is printed in the language of our visitors and everyone must sign it in their passport before they are granted entry to our country. It is our law now.

Collectively, these actions directly impact not just the children of Palau, but make a bold global statement for the rights of the next generation.

This simple but effective action has started ripples throughout the world. It has inspired other nations and destinations such as Hawaii, New Zealand, Finland and the Philippines to create similar visitor pledges based on their own wisdom of conservation. It has become a global conservation movement that is making lasting impact on the health of our planet.

The Palau Pledge is effecting real change in many different communities around the world. What if we were to apply this same concept to other issues you are all facing now in your own countries and in your own culture? Imagine if all the decisions made by our leaders, policy makers, educators and businesses were guided by a pledge to the next generation. I believe we would be one step closer to achieving a world of peace and security.

As women and as global citizens, we are all connected. The ocean connects us. Let's take this opportunity to build strong relationships and partnerships for our future and for the future of our children.

I hope that today you are inspired to use the tool of BUL to help protect the environment for your own children. I feel that we have spoken enough, and now is the time for action. I want to take this session to be a launching path for our organization. Let's make the International Association of First Ladies for Peace an organization that doesn't just speak about change but actually creates outcomes.

Following my speech today, we are holding roundtable discussions to create actionable outcomes. I would like to extend a challenge to all the first ladies and all the leading women in this room today: Commit to creating a solid outcome in your own community that can be reported at our next First Ladies Summit. Maybe you will commit to protecting '30 x 30' of our oceans, or perhaps you can create environmental pledges for your community, or you want to protect certain endangered species so that one day your children and grandchildren will be able to see and enjoy them.

Whatever it is, I want you to commit to it today and return with the progress you have made. It does not have to be a giant step, because every journey starts with a single step. If you all start taking them, we will create a movement that creates change on a global scale.

I want to thank everyone for joining this session today. I want to thank President Julia Moon for allowing me to co-host our session today.

I want to leave you with a chant that says we need to look after what we have today and be mindful of using natural resources, because we do not inherit this world from ancestors but we borrow it from our children. Here it goes. After I chant, when I say "Hnnn", everyone please say "Wee!" as loud as you can. So here it goes.

Thank you.



Mme. Ingrid Jacinta Aingimea

First Lady of the Republic of Nauru

The President of Women's Federation for World Peace International, Mme. Julia H. Moon,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.
Omo Yoran Ea Kamie Memag

I bring with me good tidings and the well wishes of my fellow Nauruans and express my gratitude for being asked to deliver a special address on the theme, "Creating a Culture of Peace."
As I stated in my address at the First Ladies Peace Summit in Palau, the role that we play in our individual countries is underscored by the many hats we all have to wear, whether or not we are first ladies.

In addressing the critical issues of our time and various thematic areas, we must first of all ensure that the values we hold dear are practiced so that goodwill, integrity, kindness and respect are extended at all times.
I am honored to talk today on how civil society and governments can cooperate better for the prosperity of the nation and the world.

The answer to this question is in the form of three key headings:

i. Building People Power.
ii. Reversing Institutional Capture
iii. Building a Democratic Economy

Building People Power

The story of Nauru as a country of immense wealth at one point is well known. When our country went into an economic abyss in the early 2000's, we lost all our wealth and our assets, but at the same time we saw the resilience of our people, living off the land and sea. This in turn fostered a sense of belonging and power within the communities. It grew out of relationships, the core of which are the authentic conversations people have as community members. From these conversations comes the need for real transformation. However, for the transformation to be real, the knowledge of community members must be valued, rather than relying on the sole opinion of government. It is the will of the people to have an understanding of community, context of experiences and a sense of history. Real changes must be grounded in all three, with relationship-building at the core. Is this not a foundation of peace?

Realizing democracy requires bridge crossing

within and across communities in order to ensure that the people know that their voices are heard.

Reversing Institutional Capture

A government cannot be seen as democratic if it is not accountable to its people. My island home has 14 districts and the political landscape is such that each district votes in its own candidate. The will of the people is truly at play in my country and the current government's motto, "Leave No One Behind," is an example of being accountable to the people. When it comes to governmental transformation, the collective imagination needs to be bigger. The recent meeting of heads of missions, heads of departments, cabinet members and members of parliament with the theme "Desperate Imagination" took stock of where we are, ensuring that we have a future of prosperity and growth for all Nauruans.

Building a Democratic Economy

Democracy must value people over profits. One of the most important changes that needs to happen is the acceptance that government must serve the public. As such their role should always have the good of the people at its core. Without a serious, concerted, and holistic effort to address the issues of power and inequality across civil society, government, and the economy, our democracy will never be fully realized.

Which brings me to the core of my address. I reiterate my message at the First Ladies Meeting in Palau that in order for us to peacefully advance, we must have mutual understanding as equals in society.

When we look beyond power, wealth, status and influence and apply the universal values of peace and goodwill, it becomes a common cause of empowerment and prosperity for our nations.

In Nauru, women are seen as the matriarchs and peace builders, and it is our immense pride that within government, the Department of Women's Affairs has established itself as the voice for women not only for Nauru but for Micronesia and also the Pacific.

Nauru will be the host of the Micronesian Women's Conference bringing together the ministers for women of the Micronesian Caucus. This is an invaluable opportunity for my country as we not only utilize areas of economic empowerment for women but also actively ensure that the thematic areas of education, health, climate change, patriarchal structures and norms and behaviors are not only discussed but challenged for a better tomorrow for our citizens.

It would be remiss of me at this stage not to pay homage to the revered co-founder of the Universal Peace Federation, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, in whose honor we gather at this summit. We honor his life, legacy and accomplishments and we gather here with the collective intent of peace.

I extend my appreciation to the organizers of the summit for the invitation and wish everyone a safe journey home

I would like to leave you with this quote from *Philippians 4:8: "What so ever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good reports, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."*

Tubwa Kor Ouwak



Mme. Lieom A. Loeak

Former First Lady of the Republic of Marshall Islands

Mme. Julia Moon,
The Moon Family,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of our traditional leaders, our First Lady Mme. Ginger Kabua, and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I bid you all a warm welcome and An-nyoung-ha- se-yo.

I would like to join our distinguished speakers and first acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the UPF on this very special occasion. Let me express my sincerest gratitude to members of the WFWPI; its President, Mme. Julia Moon; and my dear sister and First Lady of Palau, Mme.Debbie Remengesau, for hosting us here today at this First Ladies Assembly.

Kamsahamnida, Sulang.

It seems like it was only yesterday when we had our First Ladies Summit in Palau, and here we are once again gathered with the rest of our sisters, friends, and colleagues from the global community. I am both thrilled to see the continued momentum and honored to be here amongst you at this landmark occasion.

Your Excellencies and participants, what started off as a celebration of a new decade seems to have quickly and drastically receded to an even greater state of loss and alarm for our global family, especially in light of the already existing challenges that we face.
We are gripped with the rapid spread and effects of the coronavirus with thousands of lives and families profoundly impacted by this sudden epidemic. In our island homes of the Pacific, we still grapple with measles, dengue fever, and influenza outbreaks to which we have also tragically lost children, citizens, friends and family members.

In the Marshall Islands alone, we are facing what is now a six-month long state of health emergency due to dengue fever, with nearly 2,200 cases documented at our hospitals. As our leaders and my sisters here from the Pacific have stated, such epidemics at the global, regional, and local levels will only increase and intensify as impacts of climate change worsen.

Within the past few weeks, we have seen our global community quickly and effectively pull in its resources to tackle the coronavirus epidemic and take every safety measure necessary to prevent it from spreading, or otherwise ensure that it is completely eradicated. In a similar fashion, we must rally together to increase and expedite our

efforts at every level to combat climate change.

We must use opportunities such as we see here at this summit to learn from one another and be proactive in our responses to each others' struggles. What resources or examples can we exchange with one another to help build and strengthen our capacity to address the challenges that we face today? What experiences can we share to help instill compassion and empathy amongst ourselves?

When I think of our roles as women and mothers in any given situation, I think of an old but commonly known Marshallese adage that comes from our long history of traditional navigation and connection to our natural environment: Jined Kibed. Jined means "Our Mother," and Kibed refers to a specific paddle that we use to safely guide our canoe back onto shore so that it does not hit surrounding corals.

In our Marshallese culture, we refer to our women or mothers as the paddlers of the Kibed canoe, because they possess and have the ability to guide our children, families, and communities toward a much safer, more peaceful path. In another sense, we see our mothers or women as a lifeline, because what do we do when we are in the middle of the ocean and a person falls off the boat and needs to be rescued? We extend our paddle and pull them back on the boat. In the same way, when a child falls, his mother picks him up. When he experiences tough times, she is there to love and comfort and help pick up the pieces.

As women, we know and understand our own strengths. Let us continue to utilize them to steer conversations in the right direction and to help realize a world for our children and future generations that is peaceful, safe and thriving.

Thank you once again for having me, and congratulations to the Universal Peace Federation and partners for a successful World Summit 2020.



Mme. Maria Fernanda Flores Lanzas

Former First Lady of the Republic of Nicaragua

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, women leaders who are gathered here today. Good afternoon Mme. Julia Moon and my "little sister" Dr. Sun Jin Moon, as she herself told me in the Dominican Republic.

Women have participated in the social and political life of Nicaragua since the beginning of our nation, although their participation has usually been veiled and has only become visible on extraordinary occasions. Patriarchal society reduced women's spaces to the private sphere, to the home, where their main functions were to be daughters, mothers and devoted wives, under the guardianship of their fathers and husbands.

The most evident expression of this type of presence comes from the fact that women in Nicaragua, as in much of Latin America, lacked political rights until the middle of the 20th century. Until then, their participation in the history of the Republic could only take place through social actions, at the margin of legal and official representation.

Women's political participation can be analyzed from two angles: the first refers to the right to elect and be elected under equal conditions with the opposite gender. The second refers to the right to freely exercise functions for government, with freedom and without suffering threats of discrimination.

Nicaragua women, representing 52% of the population, have moderately changed their demographic characteristics in recent decades. Now more women live in urban areas with a fairly young age distribution, and the average number of children born during their fertile years remains high. It should be noted, however, that the slowdown in Nicaragua's population growth, as well as its changes in structure, have been accelerated by the political- military conditions of the last five years.

There is a broad international framework for women's rights protection, and the most representative instruments are the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women "Belem Do Pará." There is also the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women'CEDAW,' seeking to create conditions for women's access to political power, conditions of gender equality and non-discrimination, and to increase women's representation in public spaces and decision-making.

For example, until today only three women have occupied the presidential chair in countries of the Central American region. The first was Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, a Nicaraguan, who occupied the position of president from 1990 to 1997. In 1999 Mireya Elisa Moscoso

Rodriguez won the presidential elections in the Republic of Panama. And finally, Laura Chinchilla came into power during the period from 2010 to 2014 in the Republic of Costa Rica.

In April 2018, the people of Nicaragua woke up, especially students and peasants who were tired of 12 years of dictatorial government. They took to the streets to claim respect for their rights.

The civil rebellion that has arisen in Nicaragua has also had a woman's face. In the trenches, medical posts, demonstrations, and negotiations women have been present.

How can we not mention and always remember May 30, 2018, Nicaraguan Mother's Day, when thousands and thousands of us took to the streets of Managua to claim democracy and freedom? The violent reaction of the government shooting into the crowd caused pain, tears and mourning for 19 Nicaraguan mothers who lost their children that day.

Amaya Coppens, Liseth Dávila, Delmis Portocarrero, Susana López, Marlen Chow, Socorro Corrales, Francisca Mochado, Nelly Roque, Jessica Rivas, doña Coquito, Yarizta Mairena are just some of the hundreds of women who have fought against the brutal repression of Daniel Ortega's dictatorship. Eleven years of repression and indignation exploded in April 2018, leaving behind at least 325 murdered, more than 700 political prisoners. Today there are still more than 60 political prisoners in Nicaragua's jails, and thousands of persecuted, tortured and exiled persons.

Initiatives like #ElPicoRojoChallenge have also been promoted by women who have been fighting for years against machismo and the regime that now governs the country.

When we talk about women's political participation, we are talking about the relationships that exist between the gender order and the institutional order in a given society. Nicaragua has been gradually losing its democratic capacity. The country was stuck in a semi-democracy until 2006 due to the difficulty of creating a high quality democracy, the human rights violations and crimes against humanity. From that year onwards it gave way to a competitive authoritarianism. Nicaraguans are losing confidence in a totally partisan and fraudulent electoral system.

In Nicaragua before Anastasio Somoza García came into power in 1937, neither liberals nor conservatives were willing to recognize the role of women beyond the private sphere. Although the liberals were more receptive to their demands, the truth is that there is no project interested in the incorporation of women into the public space beyond their participation in the productive spheres.

The feminist movement in Nicaragua marked an important milestone in the transformation of the socio-political role of women, with the militancy and activism of women in various suffragette organizations. In this movement, the figures of Josefa Toledo de Aguerri, Olga Nuñez de Saballos and Alba Rivera de Vallejos de la Costa Caribe are unquestionably paradigmatic, since they led the struggle of this first wave of feminists based on the demand for a series of basic rights such as education, women's suffrage and work.

Contrary to what might be thought, the participation of women does not match their numerical presence. Gender parity loses its meaning when the regime lacks legitimacy of origin, legitimacy of process and legitimacy of results, which is highlighted by the removal of women civil servants according to their degree of closeness to the central power structures. What is the point of having gender equality policies when women are not allowed to express their voices? I have to recognize that there is progress in my country on the individual level, but not collectively.

For the current dictatorial regime, gender

equality in state entities is reduced to appointing a woman parallel to those already appointed. However, this does not give women the support they need, it is simply a political tactic that the dictator uses in order to protect all his ministers who are currently being sanctioned by governments like the United States and others.

Meanwhile, non-institutional participation includes activities that are not part of official policymaking channels, and which are aimed at exerting pressure on them, such as demonstrations, individual or collective petitions to public bodies, promotion of the interests of particular groups or social classes.
Therefore, the fact is that the political participation of women in Nicaragua is distorted and even limited.

In summary, and with this I conclude, the reality of women's participation in Nicaragua continues to be a work in progress, but it is we ourselves, the women, who are in charge of opening spaces on a daily basis.

My friends, the fight for equal rights and for the eradication of political violence against women is difficult and very complex. However, ladies, it is not impossible. Let us work together, united to claim respect. Let us not rest until we can live in a world of freedom, social justice and equal opportunities for all women. Thank you very much!

Before saying goodbye, I want to tell the Moon family, on behalf of my husband Arnoldo Alemán and myself, many congratulations to Mother Moon, who is a spiritual guide, a great woman, a leader in many areas. May we continue for many more years to work together as women, united for freedom.

Thank you.



Mme. Patience Jonathan

Former First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Mme. Julia Moon, President of Women's Federation for World Peace,
Current and former First Ladies,
Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

It is my pleasure to be part of the World Summit 2020 organized by the Universal Peace Federation. Let me appreciate Mme. Julia Moon, the President of Women's Federation for World Peace. I will not forget to appreciate our spiritual leader, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the leader of the Universal Peace Federation, for her commitment to world peace.

I thank the UPF for inviting me to participate as a guest of honor in this summit and for offering me the privilege of sharing my thoughts on peace, security and human development which are the areas of focus of this conference.

Peace is the ground upon which sustainable development is built. It is the atmosphere in which prosperity and other virtues like love, justice and equality can blossom. This is why everybody has to volunteer to promote peace, no matter our role and status in society. For this reason, I say that women are critical stakeholders in peace building.

The United Nations Security Council, in recognition of the important role women play in sustaining peace around the world, adopted Resolution 1325 on October 31, 2000. The resolution reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and settlement of conflicts. The resolution calls on governments and all actors to increase the participation of women in policy making. It also calls on all parties in a conflict to take special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, particularly rape and other forms of sexual abuse, in situations of armed conflict.

Today as we gather to discuss the way forward towards peace, security and human development, I want to re-echo the need for gender equality and justice in all spheres of our society. We cannot achieve sustainable peace and development in the absence of equality and justice, as they are the pathways to a peaceful and prosperous world.

I call on women around the world to stand firm and continue with their task of peace-building in their respective nations, no matter the challenges and difficulties they face. Governments and all stakeholders around the world should work towards eliminating all forms of sexual and gender- based violence.

In conclusion, I urge us all to continue to propagate peace and promote justice, everywhere and every day.

Once more, I want to thank Mme. Julia Moon, the president of Women's Federation for World Peace.

Thank you and God bless you all.



Hon. Dr. Emilia Alfaro de Franco

Former First Lady of the Republic of Paraguay

Good afternoon, President Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and her husband, and Professor Yeon Ah Moon, current and former first ladies, ladies and gentlemen. I want to salute also the President of WFWP in Paraguay, Mrs. Rosi Guiliano with whom we are working strongly to support women in our country.

In 1910, Emilia Victoria Alfaro was first lady of Paraguay, married to President Manuel Gondra who was one of the main defenders of diversity and equality. He supported human rights and the opening of Paraguay to foreign peoples, actively militating against discrimination of all kinds.
My mother tells me that my name comes in honor of that first lady because of the kinship we have, but above all, because of the good things she did in the history of our country.

Continuing with the history of Paraguay, I would like to recall the dates of February 2 and 3, which we are sharing today at this summit. Paraguay is commemorating 31 years since the fall of the most bloodthirsty dictatorship that Latin America ever had and we are celebrating the arrival of a democracy that we women have yearned for more than anything else.

In the past, a woman could study, could work, could exercise her profession, in addition to forming a family, taking care of the husband, the house and the children, and do everything in a "selfless" manner. But nevertheless she had a great trap: the law. Women, and especially married women, and the rights of mothers were inferior to the rights of men. February 3, 1989, the dictatorship fell, and two years later many women managed to see a new civil code, one that gave women actual freedom. This allowed the creation of the Secretariat for Women in the early 1990s.

In our sweet Guarani language, we use the phrase: "Kuña Guapa" (capable woman). It is a term coined between Spanish and Guarani, which describes in Paraguay those women who are capable of overcoming any obstacle. Although it is still very difficult to be a woman in a country with strongly macho characteristics, we have overcome many barriers. I am proud of the Paraguayan woman of today.

Many current Paraguayan women assume a leading role, demonstrating their capacity to lead in different areas and in fields previously occupied only by men. Although there have been significant advances, equality is still a dream, due to discrimination and the high rates of violence against women.

In 2012 during the government of my husband Federico Franco, for the first time we had a Woman Minister of National Defense and a Woman Minister of Justice and Labor in Paraguay ...

History was doing its thing, with the 26th first lady

of the nation, myself, another Emilia Alfaro, fighting for rights and re-vindicating women. I have always accompanied Federico's administration and this time would not be the exception.

Paraguay needed that hand and that heart at the service of those who needed it most. We came from a period without a first lady, and people realized and appreciated the value of what it means to have that office open at the service of so much need. We were able to carry out many activities, among which I can cite projects for the inclusion of people with disabilities, the defense of the rights of the elderly (our grandparents), the protection of the environment, safe food for low- income families. We are especially grateful for the help of other countries, because alone we would not have succeeded.

Not only should exchanges be between culture, music or dance, but also in the economic field to help the development of peoples, and thus peace and solidarity between countries can be found.
Two important points that drive UPF: One family under God and the relationship among countries.
Following the increase in women's political participation and their access to positions of power, I was very happy every time I saw women occupying presidential positions, such as:

Michelle Bachelet Jeria in Chile (2006-2010 and 2014-2018)

Cristina Fernández de Kirchner in Argentina (2007-2011 and 2011-2015)

Dilma Rousseff in Brazil (2011-2015 and 2015-2018)

I take the liberty of asking under this scenario of women presidents: Who holds the position of "first lady" when there is a woman president? Some left the position vacant and others did give it to their husbands and children. But is it not still a gender issue that the law only considers the name of the first lady and not another figure?

UN Women identifies four thematic areas prioritized according to the needs identified in my country for achieving progress and equality for women as follows:
- Leadership and participation. In our country, the female vote was approved only in 1961.

- Economic empowerment of women. Men are better remunerated when they perform the same functions.

- The elimination of violence against women. The rates of femicide are alarming.

- Promotion of international policy frameworks and intergovernmental policy commitments on gender equality and the empowerment of women. In this aspect, first ladies and parliamentarians should be pivotal in articulating with their peers legislation in their countries and thus reduce inequality and inequity among countries.

I urge that we do not lose spaces or leave vacant ever again "The role of the First Lady."

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who organized the 2020 Summit. I congratulate Dr. Moon for her leadership, for her work, for her example. I always say, if we mothers and wives of politicians often find it hard to stay by our husbands' side, imagine the challenge for Dr. Moon -- with her children, with her work – to be always by the side of Rev. Moon.

Thank you very much, God bless you all.



Mme. Fionnuala Kenny

Spouse of Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland

I am happy to be here. I do think this conference is exceptionally important. I found it fascinating today. I come from Ireland, a small island off the West Coast of Europe, which was devastated by poverty for years and years. There are five million people today on the island of Ireland, but there are 75 million people around the world who claim Irish heritage. We have an enormous diaspora. Even though it was awful to lose them at the time they were emigrating, it created a whole nation around the world which we treasure and which gives us influence far exceeding our size as a tiny little place.

The greatest reason Ireland has progressed was our membership into the European Union. We joined in 1975 and since then, with the help of our neighbors, we are now contributing to many newcomers to reach their full potential. You can never underestimate the power of people and countries working together.

I am inspired by the talks of the first ladies and by President Julia Moon. I want to acknowledge Mme. Debbie Remengesau in particular for this wonderful conference. I appreciate all the contributors for raising issues that are so varied and yet so universal. It makes you think about decisions we make and how they affect people who live thousands of miles away, who we know literally nothing about, but the ripples from our actions roll around the world.

Both good and bad things that happened can have the same ripple effect. That's why it is so important for us to exchange ideas and solutions with those who have already coped with problems. The little ripples of success in one area can feed into other areas.

Those of us who are first ladies or who have been first ladies know it can be very isolating and lonely. You arrive with no experience, so it is invaluable to have a network to call on, to encourage you, to share and show you the power you can have for good. I really thank you all so much for sharing your wisdom and your experience. Hopefully together we will all grow and improve and make the world a better place for our children.



Dr. Celine Guerin

Neuroscientist and trauma therapist

Dear First Ladies,
Dear ladies and courageous or lucky gentlemen,

Good afternoon, it is a very great honor for me to be here in front of you today to share my passion about human development and consciousness. I am very grateful to Women's Federation for World Peace, to President Mme. Julia Moon and also to Mrs. Carolyn Handschin who have invited me to talk.

I would like to talk about something that is essential when we are trying to bring peace in the world and trying to bring peace in our life: It is love. Love inspires. Love brings people together. Love has a huge power to heal, no matter where we come from or what is our culture. I think the relationship of love is a beautiful and challenging goal in life. The question is, how do we take concrete actions to bring back love in the center of our lives. How do we remove the obstacles to love in order to establish peace, unity and reconciliation?

Today I would like to speak about healing our trauma, healing our suffering as the concrete key to live with more love inside and get closer to true love. The first question is, where is love? When we experience conflict in relationships, when there is competition, domination, jealousy, anger or whatever, it could be more or less subtle. Sometimes you even don't realize that this is violence, but indifference itself is also a form of violence. Every time there is this kind of violence and suffering in our relationships, it is because there is a lack of love.

Let's try to understand what is happening when two people are together in a relationship. It could be a couple relationship or any relationship, like when we encounter somebody for the first time or it could be long-time friends. We can often experience conflict. We can have some feelings such as, "I don't know why, but I don't like that about him/her." Our heart would like to connect, but there is something preventing it, even if we don't know where it comes from.

The first step is to be conscious that we are experiencing those emotions because we are not always conscious about our fears, sadness or the reaction that another person triggers inside. I take the example of couples I see in my consultation in Switzerland. We are talking of course about Western culture. What I hear very often from women is that they feel they are not understood, they feel sometimes alone, they have some fear; it could be the fear of violence, abandonment.

On the other side, men feel disapproved. They may feel that whatever they say or do is never enough. This brings them to take some distance

from their partners. What I have observed are very complimentary patterns, meaning that one emotion will trigger another emotion in the partner. Again, in the couple relationship, or in the regular relationship, it can happen exactly the same. It is like we are mirroring the other person's reaction.

What is triggering those emotions inside us is actually trauma. We have to understand that trauma can be defined as any experience that can put a person or someone close to a person at serious risk of harm or death. Those traumas will leave some 'scar' in our DNA. This is what we call epigenetics. To say a quick word about epigenetics, it does not change your DNA, it just changes the expression of your DNA. Certain chemicals and molecules added to the DNA will open it. It means that the gene will be accessible or not. It means that the protein will be translated or not. I am working today with a therapy that was developed by the Institute for the Study of Peak States. In their work for the last 30 years, they have been observing and studying how traumas are linked to emotions people experience. What they figured out is that all our emotions are affected by trauma.

Actually, trauma will change the expression of genes and may create blockages in gene expression, so this affects the experience of emotions. As therapists, we go back to the first moment of trauma, which epigenetically modified chemicals on the genes. These modifications are actually reversible. Some can be transmitted through the generations. As therapists, we guide people to experience their emotions, recognizing the physical experience of emotions. For example, you feel it in your throat, or in your chest. Or going back to the conflicts, the anger that you can feel in your stomach. We are going back with these feelings to the first moment.
The first moment could be something that you experienced in your life. It could be a trauma, you know that has happened. But sometimes, it is something that we have absolutely no idea where it is coming from. It could come from previous experience or it could even come from our ancestors.

The good news is that those chemical modifications are reversible. This means that we are able to think back to the first moment when it happened, and if we bring love and acceptance at that point, then we can reverse and change our DNA and gene expression. It is like magic. We don't feel such negative emotions anymore. I am studying to show scientifically that we can reverse epigenetic modifications caused by trauma. That means restoring more love, so that love is able to heal us. As much as we heal our trauma, we will experience more love in our life. Love is the real cure of the heart, but sometimes the trauma we went through, or our ancestors went through, has been blocking our ability to connect to a bigger love.

Thank you for your attention.



Dr. Svetlana Jovic

Director of UN Peacekeeping Mission in Lebanon

Good afternoon.

I want to express my love and appreciation to all of you, especially to the Women's Federation for gathering us all and giving us the chance to exchange different opinions and ideas on how to have successful initiatives for peace and stability. Listening today, actually everything I had in my speech you have already mentioned. I apologize to translators, but I will speak in a little bit different way, trying to summarize what has been said and talking through my own experience as a peacekeeper, because originally and generally I am a peacekeeper.

I have worked in peacekeeping for 20 years. I work in peacekeeping and conflict resolution. Thank you again for this love, because it is very important, and that with only the emotions, you can protect yourself from the negative vibrations during negotiations.

I have been working with governments and local leaders to find peaceful solutions in different countries where there is conflict and crisis. These are the lessons I have learned, and what I would like to share with you.

First of all, setting aside the causes of conflict, it comes down to the qualities of personality and skills of people in power. Positive leadership must rise the needs of the present without compromising above narrow-minded, self-centered and short-term interests to make decisions for the benefit of our communities. These leadership skills are fundamental in creating conditions to resolve conflict and set a foundation for finding peaceful solutions.

Another important factor is the involvement of women in the peace process. This is because peace negotiators very often overlook the strategy that could reduce conflict or advance stability. That is a fact. This is proven, and you can find it on the UN web page: The percentage of peacekeeping agreements that have been negotiated and signed by women have been much longer sustained than the peace agreements made by men.

It is worth noting that in recent years many women have stood against violence and misrepresentation in various forms and have shown that changes are possible. But they have not been noticed, and that is why we are actually here with you today. We need you to promote core values and to serve as role models to the younger generation. This young generation is aware that they have been failed by short-sighted thinking guided by selfishness, as well as a failed education system that has not prepared them for today's economic, political, moral and ethical crisis. The necessity of today is to find solutions and facilitate development to meet the ability of future generations to meet

their needs.

The younger generation needs those who will advocate in their interest. Either these are their parents, mothers, guardians or grandparents. The more women we see in positions of power and decision making, the more positive, holistic and based-on-empathy decision making will be likely.

There are many ways in which you, in your roles as first ladies, can contribute. I will talk about ways that I see and can promote through the UN, since we are here under the umbrella of the Women's Federation, which is an NGO in general consultative status with the UN. I think it is an easier way to promote goals and certain initiatives that are already rolling out. All the topics you have mentioned today are actually captured under the agenda of the UN sustainable development goals (SDGs) by 2030. So how do we move from there?

We all agree that these SDGs are a holistic approach, building on the principle of leaving nobody behind. I am glad that it has been mentioned by the first lady of Nauru. Whatever the priorities of your country: poverty, hunger, gender inequality, environmental, clean water, etc., all these are part of the agenda of the United Nations. The UN is responsible for the implementation of the SDGs in partnership with national governments and civil society. Who can facilitate that process and link you with this process? I can see, if you allow me, that the Women's Federation would be the catalyst and facilitator to link the different areas and regions where there are UN offices, UNDP offices and UN resident coordinators' offices. They are leaders in implementing social development goals.

First of all, there is an established fund for the sustainable development goals (SDGs) that already involves joint programs in 21 countries. For example, in Albania, people are dealing with consequences of the recent earthquake, and they are rebuilding. In Afghanistan, UN people are helping women receive education outside their country because of threats to them in their own country. In Yemen, hundreds of schools are getting solar light systems through this fund and hundreds of children for the first time are benefitting from electricity.

All these initiatives look very complicated, but actually when you trickle down to the right channels, it can be done very easily. We need to join in partnership. I am talking as a representative of the UN and the Women's Federation. We can all be more effective. All of you today have mentioned partnerships, working together, addressing needs. In isolation we cannot do that. You and I cannot do it alone. Governments are very often incapable of doing it. But if we link all this together, and with our power of love, I think we can achieve our goals.

Thank you.



Mrs. Laura J. Clarke

Co-founder of Palau Legacy Project

Madame First Ladies,
Your excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a privilege to be with you today and to briefly expand on some of the things that the First Lady of Palau spoke to us about earlier. As you might be able to tell, I am not Palauan by birth. Sorry to disappoint you all, but I am Palauan in my heart now and Palauan by adoption. I had the distinct honor of living in Palau for several years and while there, the 'tools' and the things that the first lady spoke about earlier, the concept of 'BUL', had a profound effect on me and completely transformed the way I now live my life.

When my husband's diplomatic posting came to an end, we returned home to Australia. The concept of 'BUL' completely transformed, as I said, the way I shopped, the way I ate, the way I lived because I now knew that the actions I took in my life in larger countries had a profound and lasting impact on the children of the Pacific and world. I now knew, having lived in Palau and having learned from the Palauan culture, that I had the responsibility to the next generation no matter where I lived in this world. That was a profound impact on me.

While I was living in Palau, the first lady and I and a team of people came together to form a partnership between people like me, the visitors, and the Palauans. That partnership came together in the form of the Palau Pledge. I will read it to you later, but I think the reason that the Palau Pledge has become so popular and has been adopted by so many nations around the world is because it is inherently simple and inherently practical. To echo what the first lady said earlier about coming away from here with practical, actionable solutions, these are the things that we can take away. We can actually go home with an action plan, which is why so many countries have adopted the Palau Pledge already.

I will just take a moment to talk about some of the things we are doing to further the work of the Palau Pledge in the world. The first lady mentioned that the ocean connects us all, and that we rely on it to sustain our life, but it is sick and we need to come together to heal it. In August 2020, Palau is hosting the Seventh "Our Ocean Conference." This is a convening of heads of state, leaders in business and NGOs. They are coming together to try to speed up the health and healing of our ocean because we know that time is running out. We need practical and actionable outcomes and solutions. At this conference, the first fady will be hosting a

side venue dedicated to practical outcomes. We are going to bring together women, first ladies like yourselves, as well as leading women from science, politics, education, social enterprise, and business. We are going to bring them together so that they can share their knowledge and use their resources to create actionable outcomes for the health of our ocean. Those outcomes are going to be announced to the children of Palau. We are going to look into the eyes of the next generation and make promises to them about how we are going to heal the ocean. That is what is going to happen. I hope that you can join us in August at the first lady's venue at Our Ocean 2020.

One of the things that I would like to say is that the Palau Pledge is actually the official passport stamp of the nation of Palau, but not just a passport stamp. It is a way of living and it is a way of educating visitors like myself, as I said, on how to conserve natural resources. Before I came to Palau, I am ashamed to admit, I was a consumer. All I did was consume, consume, and consume without thinking about how the values of consumers were impacting children and people all around the world that I had never met.

I would like to leave you with the Palau Pledge and read it to you now. As the first lady mentioned, it is stamped in the passport of every visitor who comes to Palau.
It reads, "Children of Palau, I take this pledge as your guest, to preserve and protect your beautiful and unique island home. I vow to tread lightly, act kindly and explore mindfully. I shall not take what is not given. I shall not harm what does not harm me. The only footprints I shall leave are those that will wash away."

I hope that today we can come together and ensure that the only footprints we leave on this planet are the ones that will wash away.

Thank you.



Dr. Samia Burton

Spouse of former US Congressman H.E. Dan Burton

I would like to thank all the wonderful ladies who spoke today. I want to hear more from Dr. Celine about love and trauma. All of your talks have been really amazing.

The establishment of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace is the "crème de la crème," the best of the best, as they say in French. I think it's the very best of all the associations for peace that were founded by Mother Moon.

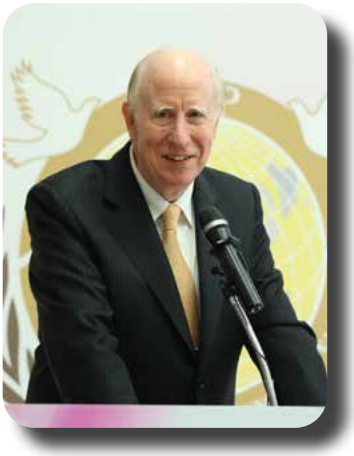
None of this would have been possible without Mother Moon, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace – and her vision, her commitment, her courage and hard work. Also her family, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and her husband, President Mme. Julia Moon and the rest of their beautiful family who are traveling constantly, touring the world, working to bring all leaders together for peace -- your dedication and sincerity shows in your efforts. Thank you.

As you all know, Mother Moon believes in the important role of women leaders in global problem-solving and peace-building – and she is right, as always.

I am really honored to be among such accomplished, beautiful leaders. It's been a pleasure being with all of you today.

Thank you very much, God bless, and I am looking forward to hearing more from you distinguished ladies.

Thank you.



Dr. Thomas Walsh

Chair of Universal Peace Federation International

Greetings! I want to acknowledge all of the WFWP representatives here today, particularly Mrs. Selle who is working in the USA, and Mrs. Handschin who has been working for many years with the UN in Europe, doing great things for WFWP and UPF, along with her husband.

I am very pleased to see Dr. Sun Jin Moon here. For many years, she was my direct boss as chair-woman of UPF International, and she taught me a lot. International WFWP President Mme. Julia Moon, you are an inspiration. You always think you are not doing enough but you are. And always, Professor Yeon Ah Moon is quiet but thoughtful, with a philosophical and intense mind, showing rich wisdom that I always respect.

It is great to be here. This is a truly marvelous summit and we owe so much gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. She is one who moves quietly and softly, but with an earth-shaking kind of power. I was thinking the other day that she is like Buddha or something. She moves her little finger and things are shaken up!

I will speak briefly today before I go back to another session. We are grateful to our great WFWP leader in the Asia Pacific area, Mrs. Dhakal. The Asia Pacific Summit, hosted by First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau, was wonderful. It was one of the greatest times of my life to be with you in Palau. I love that country. Those of us who went there got the chance to go out on the water, go snorkeling, and we swam and we danced. But we worked too. We will have to hold another meeting in Palau. Dr. Sun Jin Moon, you have to come there, it is a very precious place.

In UPF, we are shaping a new family of associations. The existing associations are blending, in a way, and we are figuring out the way forward. UPF in many ways is becoming a broader system of associations.

The International Summit Council for Peace was created last year to bring together current and former heads of state, and we are figuring out how all these organizations will work together. The direction from UPF international headquarters is that the First Ladies Association is a project of ISCP and is also linked to WFWP. I think this will be a win-win situation on many levels. I also believe that as we are coming together, our overall capacity will grow, and the opportunities will expand. We definitely need what you bring to the table. As shown by the legacy and history of WFWP, the role of women is no longer a question, but it is really how to bring more of

that into the center of things and into our sessions. We are always falling short on that level, so we do not want to just stay as separated institutions, but really integrate, and with full integration at the occasional meeting, such as the one in Palau or this one. Women are leaders. You are heads of state, heads of government, religious leaders, as well as first ladies, so we can work together on many levels.

I am honored to be asked to say a few words, and I will leave it at that, because I know a lot of important work will be done here. Thank you for allowing me the chance to speak for a moment. God bless you, and we love you for all the great work you are doing.

Thank you.



Dr. Sun Jin Moon

Senior Vice President of Women's Federation for World Peace International

Beloved, esteemed, and exemplary women leaders who hold the highest positions around the globe. I am honored to be in the presence of so many wonderful and amazing women, especially our co-sponsor Mme. Debbie Remengesau, the First Lady of Palau, along with all of our amazing current and former first ladies from all over the globe. Your passion, sincerity, beauty, goodness, amazing work, wisdom and knowledge are overflowing with the hope and potential that we will create a world of peace. To the WFWPI members, our honored and cherished global sisterhood, thank you for all of your work, as well as the World Summit 2020 hosts, the UPF and our beloved True Parents. Thank you all for your support and your valiant attendance here today in spite of the many dangers afflicting our globe.

True heroes are the ones who live for the sake of others, even at the risk of their own lives. I believe I am witnessing in the WS2020 such a revered global team of superheroes, uniting to save the world and realize peace on earth! I salute you and I bow to all of you and thank you for allowing me to join the pack!

I am also delighted to welcome you to the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) here in the Korean homeland of our benevolent hosts! We are celebrating the centennial birthday of the esteemed global peace loving visionary, the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. We also celebrate the 77th birthday of my beloved mother, our heavenly super hero and venerated global peace trailblazer, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. I would like to convey to you their heartfelt best wishes, love and congratulations.

I am deeply inspired by WFWP's growth, and now we are seeing the blossoming of our sister branch of IAFLP. We are standing on the proud legacy and shoulders of the 28-year history of WFWP's chapters around the world. With IAFLP, we are reaching to the highest levels of growth and bringing about a peaceful, balanced, harmonious change for all humankind and creation.

The IAFLP is an association that is part of the UPF, specifically the ISCP, and naturally related to WFWP, just as Dr. Walsh said. As many of you know, my parents, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, devoted their lives to promoting a vision of universal peace based on the principle of living for the sake of others. They continuously spoke of creating one family under God, a world in which we all live together as brothers and sisters, members of one global family who share a common origin in God, our Heavenly Parent.

For 52 years and now 8 years after True Father's

passing, they have been working tirelessly side by side, my father in heaven and my amazing mother on earth, and they have remained devoted and steadfast to their global mission to bring peace to this world! They are guided by their vision for peace, universal values, inter-dependence, and mutual prosperity for all generations to come.

I am deeply honored and proud to serve with all of you in supporting and carrying forward my mother's foundation, along with my beautiful sister-in-law, former international WFWP president, and as well as my other sister-in-law, Julia Moon, who is currently in charge. Many thanks to our whole family for working together for a new era in which the long awaited shift towards balance and dignity for all womankind and families shall be realized.

Although we all come from different backgrounds, we also have much in common. For example, regardless of our religion, race, status, gender, make or mold, we all strive to find love, create joy, happiness, goodness, positive relationships and give and take partnerships with family, friends, communities, and with creatures large and small. We aspire to live in harmony and beauty with creation. As our beautiful sisters from the island nations have shared, this is our ideal, right?
Actually, the reason we all hope and dream to live a life filled with love, joy, oneness, and peace, is because we inherited that desire from God. However, although love is the explosive transcending energy that empowers and inspires all of us and creation, can we say that this current world reflects or manifests this original ideal?

Sadly, we understand all too well that the answer is no. Everywhere we look we see that humanity is divided, and the divisions seem to be growing exponentially wider. Sometimes it seems like we are living in a nightmare rather than a peace-loving dream. But sometimes, even if we don't want to hear the sad truths, we must know them in order to resolve them. So bear with me as I will make you suffer a bit with these truths…

We see inequity, ignorance, corruption, crime, and division tearing apart our homes, schools, workplaces, governments, churches, and institutions.

Tragically, we also see a fractured world that is driven by revenge, hate, fear, greed, and deep-seated historical rage, fed by unjust persecution. War and conflict often generate a cycle of violence that spirals out of control.

Walls of nationalism are emerging to replace global cooperation. We see trade wars and economic instability, sanctions, threats of war, refugee crises, religious intolerance, poverty, mass migration, and endless suffering mounting up, with no peaceful solution in sight.

At the same time, we also hear the valiant cries and voices of courageous women speaking out-- "Me Too" and "Times Up"--- taking a stand against domestic violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and inequity against women. And yet, despite all their courageous efforts, globally and domestically, violence and inequity against women remains a sad reality. I am saying this because our panelist at the World Summit, Jimmy Morales, said, "To get peace, you need to go through suffering." If we don't understand the root of our suffering, we can never find the solution. Unless we address, know and confront these issues, actually finding solutions and overcoming them will be impossible. So please bear with me with all of these truths.

An even sadder reality is that abuse is trickling down to the most innocent and helpless children of our world. Kidnapping and human trafficking affect 30 million children a year globally. Abuse of minors by traffickers and agents of organized crime, as well as by clergy, teachers and youth leaders has left an indelible scar on the hearts and souls of our children. Whether you are a man, woman or a child, we observe that true love and peace are hard to find in this world.

However, it does not end even here! While

humanity is at war or abusing one another, we are on a path that may lead to irreversibly destroying our planet. The devastating scale of environ-mental abuse could possibly end all life as we know it. Mother Earth, the feminine creation and the sustenance of us all, is being pillaged, polluted, destroyed, and sold out by corruption.

Nothing is more real and factual than what is happening to our earth, our shared habitat. I bring up the earth because it is our mother, the feminine creation, the womb of all life on this planet, the nourisher, the nurturer, and ultimate giver of life. And what is happening to Mother Earth? Is it being taken care of responsibly? We all know the answer is NO.

God's creation is being devastated by mass extinction of plant and animal species, and future models show that 80% of biodiversity will be wiped out. The earth is drowning in a deluge of historical record-breaking floods due to rising sea levels and mass arctic melt zones. Storms, fires, and plagues of deadly new strains of bacteria and viruses threaten our survival. Globally we face a climate crisis that represents an existential treat for all of us, and for generations to come.

What kind of world have we created when children see no hope for their lives past 2050? What kind of parents are we, if children like Greta Thunberg are foregoing their education and going on strike for the future of the planet? At every level of life, we are failing and wiping out all the gifts of God's creation that sustain us.

As our planet's natural resources are sold out to a select few who profit, and the rest of creation is left to die out, the balance of life teeters on a dangerous ledge. We see this happening all around us.

Instead of preserving and living in harmony with our glorious creation we are playing God in labs for profit as true natural health is abandoned and we struggle to pay for health care.

This is interconnected with the world's economy which vacillates as securities are evermore insecure. As the climate crisis causes immense habitat and agricultural loss, starvation and malnutrition, homelessness and joblessness, desperation and mayhem, protest and unrest, mass migration, refugee crises arise, and political polarization at the domestic and international levels, all threatening past alliances and cooperative interdependence. Divisiveness plagues our communities and affects govern-ments, religions, the media, the academic world and society at large. If selfishness grows and an ethics of service to others is in decline, we are in very big trouble.

Peace is so hard to find as we tirelessly try to hang on to navigate the unraveling thread of our true humanity and purpose in life. So where is the answer? The answer lies in every man, woman, and child.

At the deepest level, there is a crisis of the human heart and conscience. There is a crisis rooted in a failure to understand our true identity.

We are at odds globally, tearing apart the very fabric that binds humanity and creation together, and at the very time when we need to unite more than ever. We have lost sight of the only solution to all these divisions. The solution requires that we turn our hearts and minds to God.

We must recover and understand the divine truth that we are all one global family under our Heavenly Parent.

It is only when we come to recognize the depth of God's reality, and the divine dignity of each person, that we each can become a light, a compass that shows the way out of the chaos that surrounds us, our families and communities. WFWP was founded to announce the arrival of what my parents termed the "Era of Women," calling on all women to play a more pivotal role in making peace a reality. After all, just as in

any family, a true mother's nurturing and unconditionally loving heart has the power to heal the deep wounds of humanity that we witness today.

My father said in his autobiography, "Peace is possible, and the world of peace is coming. Women are going to be the ones who do it." That is why True Parents created WFWP: to announce the arrival of the era of women, and create a movement of women dedicated to creating a global family. For too long, the voice of women remained in the background and in the shadows. Whatever the causes of this pattern evidenced in all cultures and civilizations, it is imbalanced, and hence the world is also out of balance.

Indeed, it is precisely when women and men live together in harmony, true love, and equality---in the home, in the workplace, in the centers of political and economic power, and in the places of worship---that we can create a society of true interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal love.

Therefore, it is time for the voices of women, the perspectives of women, the wisdom of women, and the capacities of women to be included, welcomed, and encouraged.
If we aspire to peace, we must become the unifiers who lead with the logic of love, forming one global family under God and working together in harmony as brothers and sisters to realize this ideal of peace.

If we are to change and transform a world of selfishness into a world of true love, women must play a leading role.

What is needed today is a movement that reflects the heart of true love. Love is the highest consciousness and the attributes of true love are what we are missing in this divided world. We need harmonizers and reconcilers, multitaskers and fearless warriors for good. We need compassion and empathy. We need nurturers and life givers. We need balance and harmony, charity and service, and we need highly skilled female professionals in all fields.

Especially we need women in top levels of our governments to effect substantial change. We also need all educators of the heart, spirit, mind and body for our future generations to prosper. Most important, we need women to know without a doubt that they are divine and have equal value in God's eyes. Because when you know your true divinity, God will work through you and you will transform the world!

Basically, we need divine, super moms and sisters! We need to bridge the historical divide of millennia that has silenced, denigrated, and repressed half of the planet's children, creating endless gaps and divisions between men and women, parents and children, right and left, humanity and creation, and which has obscured our true divine identity as God's equal sons and daughters.

The world also needs its heart healed. Centuries of injustice and hurt take a toll on everyone. But, before we can be healers and transformers, we must be healed and transformed ourselves, with forgiveness, love and unity, with and through each other. We must support, serve, and educate our sisters and youth so that they can overcome all past, present, and future obstacles. Let us stand united to break all old glass ceilings; let us rise and liberate women to their original true ideal, as glorious divine daughters of God. As long as women are seen as lacking in divine value, inequity and abuse always ensue.

We need the complete understanding of God to do this. I did not always realize this point. I grew up in a super religious home, but I didn't always resonate with religion. My field of study was psychology. But no matter what field I explored, there was always a limit, another glass ceiling, a ceiling of the heart and soul. When God's love is not part of the equation, the answer is always incomplete. The only umbrella that protects us all as one united, peace-loving family is the eternal embrace of God's

unconditional true love.

My parents have always taught that God is our divine Father and also our divine Mother, and the only way and path for all creation is to be born and to live in harmony, knowing the balanced truth about our Heavenly Parent. It was only later, after following and attending my parents, that I could see their example and lifestyle. I understand now their mission of peace and why we are all here in this room. When I asked them why they took such a difficult path, they said that humankind alone, without God, will never achieve peace. They were called to awaken the world to God's truth and God's love.

When our founders established WFWP in April 1992, they spoke of the core principles and values we must follow if we are to build a world of lasting peace. In particular, they emphasized the value of true love embodied in the hearts and the character of mothers, wives, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, and daughters. If we don't understand that truth, we are always going to be missing half of life.

They also asked us not only to think of women's rights, but exhorted us to serve the rights and welfare of all people and live in harmony with our only Mother Earth. They encouraged us to work to build true families on a foundation of true love centered on God. They called us to educate, mentor and support women leaders and to encourage women all around the world to be initiators of peace by practicing true love and living for the sake of others.

WFWP has accomplished a great deal worldwide, but as I indicated above we still have much work to do. Through the IAFLP our founders have asked us to go one step further toward bringing sustainable peace on earth. This is not something that can be accomplished by one NGO alone.

We need to work on a higher global scale, networking with like-minded organizations, with governments and NGOs and individual leaders of the world, all working together for peace.

This is the mission of WFWP, and as we expand our work with UPF, ISCP, and the IAFLP.

Together let us work to make a more beautiful world of peace. Following the example of our founders, let us all transform this world and move forward, creating a spiritual and cultural revolution of heart, learning together and loving together until we have brought peace to everyone across the globe!

Once again, congratulations! Let's work together to create a transcendent, glorious culture of peace, here in our founder's homeland of Korea and beyond! As my father once stated, "The time is here when the power of women will save this world!" Mother Moon would say that you are all divine daughters of our Heavenly Parent. So I ask you all now, can women save the world? Yes! Aju!

I pray that God's blessings and eternal love be with you and your families! Wishing you all the happiest and the most glorious New Year 2020!

To conclude, I want to share with you the most precious words that exist in every corner of the globe that can bring about world peace, Saranghamnida, I love you and Kamsahamnida, thank you!

Namaste



Hon. Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg

Minister of State of the Republic of Palau

Excellences, distinguished guests, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, ladies and gentlemen,
Alii, yeoboseyo and good afternoon,

On behalf of President H.E. Tommy Remengesau, Jr., it is my honor and pleasure to join our First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau and our delegation from the Republic of Palau in extending our warm island greetings to all distinguished guests and members of the Universal Peace Federation in this occasion of the World Summit. And happy centennial celebration to Rev. Dr. Moon and happy birthday to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Without their vision, love, commitment and working together, we would not be here today. I would like to thank the Moon family for bringing us all here. I am privileged and happy to be part of this process. Dr. Moon and the Moon family, I was here for your father's funeral with some members from Palau and my region. That was my first time, and I really appreciated being here and observing the whole process.

I am privileged not just because I am here and participating in this summit, but I am grateful because of what I have heard and seen today with all the women: smart, powerful, caring, loving, self-driven women. There are many adjectives that Palau, Asia Pacific women and women around could describe this whole day today. The women around the world who have given their precious input and words, given us their blessings and assistance to this first ladies' gathering have been wonderful.

A little over a month ago, the Republic of Palau, through our First Lady Mme. Remengesau, co-hosted the successful inaugural Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit with UPF, Women's Federation for World Peace and civil society organizations. Prominent women and guests from over fifty nations, different backgrounds, cultures and challenges gathered together in our island nation of Palau. Many of those first ladies and women from around the world whose voices were so powerful at our event in Palau are again gathered here today, and I see a few of them from the Pacific. They were there to support the aims of this World Summit and to represent their people and children in a world that needs to hear from them. The Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit in Palau was a critical event providing us with the platform to combine our efforts and visions for a peaceful world – a common goal we all share.

It was an event focused on the power and strength of women and how we can work together to effect change. As I shared in the First Ladies Summit in the world traditionally hold and continue to hold important positions in both public officers and in family life. Women play vital roles in all aspects of our societies,

from nurturing our children to taking care of our elderly parents, and as champions of many important global causes in the areas of gender equality, health and education, environment and many others. Every single day, women play essential roles protecting, promoting and supporting the rights and needs of women, children, the disabled and elderly populations – the most vulnerable members of our societies.

As women we need to use our voices, unique positions and our power--in and outside the home--to create a world that is peaceful, just and full of freedom, with love for all of the people and our precious planet.

As global citizens it is our responsibility to unite our efforts to secure peace and mutual prosperity in our respective regions to promote human development and growth in all aspects of life. We must collaborate, extend cooperation and work in harmony in order to achieve our common goals.

In the Republic of Palau, we enjoy peace and stability living with nature, as nature provides us sustenance and most importantly, our cultural identity. Thus, environmental protection and sustainability are among our nation's top priorities. We know that without a healthy environment, there can be no peace on earth. If our planet is endangered, then so is the human race. Whether we know it or not, we all rely on nature to survive. It provides the very air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat. If we do not have ready access to these essential resources, then conflict and war will divide us. This is a real and present threat, and as the world continues to evolve, we are faced with new challenges brought on by climate change, conflicts of war, and other global issues that threaten our way of life. As a nation, Palau is working to address these challenges as well as working with governments and partner organizations, including the UPF, to address them at both regional and international levels.

Many in this room may never have heard of Palau or had the pleasure of visiting our beautiful nation. We are certainly geographically far from many countries represented here and smaller in terms of population; however, we all share the same desires to live in a peaceful, stable world – a world where all citizens have access to a safe environment to live and succeed. Let us use this opportunity and this occasion to network, build strong partnerships and solidarity, as we continue to champion good causes in our respective regions for the good of our world.

There is a special saying that we all know: "Think locally and act globally." Peace and love know no boundaries. I further echo what our first lady said, that we must have commitments. If we need to move forward, commitments must be here too. You must continue to apply and implement them.

Thank you so much.
Kamsahamnida.
Ko meral mesulang.



H. E. Anneli Tuulikki Jaatteenmaki

Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland

Good afternoon,
Ladies and Gentlemen.
Greetings from Finland.

First of all, I would like to thank you for the possibility to be here and take part in this Summit and offer some words.

I would like to congratulate the founding members, mothers of Women's Federation for World Peace. I also want to thank the Moon family. Everything happening at this conference is possible because of Father Moon and Mother Moon and their family. Thank you very much.

I would also like to congratulate first ladies. You are writing your names in history. We women have shaped history and shaped the lives of our nations, but we are seldom named in history. If you think about the history of your countries, it is almost always about what men have done. But we have also shaped our nations. That is why it is very important that we have signed this resolution today containing only the names of women.

May I conclude by saying just a few words about my home country Finland. I want to tell you that Finland has taken first place in the good country index.

We Finnish people are the happiest people in the world and let me tell you why. It is because we have good climate, we have equal and excellent education, but I think one very important issue is that we have gender equality in Finland. We have the same possibilities for women and men.

My last words are concerning our new government. Our prime minister now, for the third time, is a woman. Also, a majority of government members are women. It is a large majority. They are excellent, and I am sure that they will shape a better future for Finland.

All of us who are here, we shape the world better together.

Thank you!



H.E. Dalia Itzik

Former President of the State of Israel

Dear Dr. Sun Jin Moon, President Julia Moon, the First Lady of Palau, Friends and Colleagues,

My name is Dalia Itzik. I am married to Danny Itzik and we have three children and seven grandchildren. I came here from Jerusalem, the city of peace, and I bring you greetings, blessings, prayers, and hopes for a better world.

We have gathered here under the auspices of Mother Moon, and it is astonishing to me! It's the second time I have been here to see how one woman has dedicated her life, together with her family, seeking peace and fostering noble values. Just imagine how much love and care must she have in order to dedicate her life and the life of her family to this goal.

Today, we all salute you, Mother Moon, and wish you good health and many more fruitful years.

My friends, each of us has passed through many obstacles in her career, and therefore I don't need to tell you how many obstacles we will have to overcome in order to reach the goals for which we are striving.
Despite this, and even though we still have a long way to walk, I look back through the years and compare my mother's life with my own life and I feel great satisfaction. I truly pray that when my daughter reaches my age and looks back, she will be as satisfied as I am today.

אמן עושה שלום במרומיו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו ועל כל " "יושבי תבל, ואמרו

"May the one who creates peace in high places bring peace upon us and upon the entire world, and say Amen."



Mme. Bernadette Meme Tong

Former First Lady of the Republic of Kiribati

Excellencies,
Friends,

Members of the Moon family that are here with us.

Sisters from all over the globe
Kam na Mauri! Blessings from Kiribati.

After all those speakers have spoken, there is not much that I can say. But I congratulate and thank the Universal Peace Federation for bringing us here together today.

The inauguration of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace is one great achievement that we feel that we can work together on.

I have a written script but I don't think it is appropriate. I think it is better that I speak from my heart. I am from the smallest island in the middle of the South Pacific surrounded by the huge ocean. We call ourselves a huge ocean island.

We cannot thank the Moon family enough. Father Moon and Mother Moon, thank you for bringing us together and enlightening us and giving us what we are all fighting and striving for: peace in this world. I cannot say more, everyone has said what I have written and I wanted to say, but I am so glad to be part of this organization.

Once again, thank you.



Mme. Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau

Former First Lady of Republic of Fiji

President Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon,
Dr. Yeon Ah Moon,
The Moon family,
Co-chair First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengasau,
Dr. Thomas Walsh, Mrs. Angelika Selle,
Mrs. Carolyn Handschin,
Your Excellencies, First Ladies, Former First Ladies
Sisters, Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for giving me a platform to speak and for empowering my voice. Just to remind us all, we are here because of her and because of President Julia Moon and the Moon family we are here. Thank you.

As a woman, I am proud and humbled to be in the presence of you incredible women leaders and to be a part of a foundation ensuring more gender-equal and balanced efforts for peace.

The head of the Universal Peace Federation is the Mother of Peace—Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon — so it is only right that there should be a greater presence of women in leading roles.
Our brilliant speakers today have echoed the words of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon that the equal representation of women is needed on all levels.

It is needed so that half the population can be properly represented for our nations to move forward, and for true values to be passed on to our next generation. Our daughters leadership was extraordinary, inclusive, and will not be intimidated or fear to excel, and our sons will know better and be better than the men before them.

Representation by women is so important, which is a thematic element in all the speeches today: from Korea, the Pacific, from Latin America, Nigeria, Africa, Ireland, Lebanon, Switzerland, and the USA. Women's representation matters, and it is important for women to stand up for this. But it is also important for men (and I hope all the men in the room are listening) to realize their privilege and make a seat at the table for women too, just as did Reverend Sun Myung Moon when he acknowledged Dr. Hak Ha Han Moon as True Mother and his equal on the path to Universal Peace. Reverend Moon knew that when you teach a man, you teach a man but when you teach a woman, you teach a generation.

As a Pacific Island woman, I am so proud to see our region represented by my Micronesian sisters. It was fitting, as these remarkable women represent four countries in our region based on matriarchal systems where women are the natural born leaders.

This was greatly reflected in our first ladies' meeting in the Republic of Palau last December

led by Mme. Debbie Remengasau. Women's persevering, to say the least.

Women's leadership in the Micronesian Islands, especially in environmental matters, is exemplary. It is so important in this day and age because, as Mme. Debbie reiterated, the success of our peace movements is dependent on a healthy environment to ensure that they can truly flourish.

Thank you again to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Mme. Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon, Professor Yeon Ah Moon and the Moon Family for the groundbreaking sessions today, as well as to our amazing speakers and participants, and the Little Angels.

May we take back these lessons to our nations, our homes and our families and instill the seeds of true values of love, respect and inclusivity and equality to begin a better world for our next generation.

For our strong, powerful women: May we know them, may we be them, and may we raise them! Kamsahamni da, Vinaka vakalevu, Thank you so much.

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RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRST LADIES FOR PEACE

As participants in the World Summit 2020 on Peace, Security and Human Development in Seoul Korea, from February 2-8, 2020, we affirm the unique and essential role that women leaders are called to play in bringing about a world of lasting peace. We also appreciate and recognize the very significant role that First Ladies have in their countries and within society as leaders, visionaries, role models and examples to the citizens of their country.

The Universal Peace Federation, in convening World Summit 2020, has established several associations that are developing collaborative networks in several core areas. Among these associations, which are projects of UPF, the flagship among them is the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), an association that brings together current and former heads of state and government to deliberate on the critical issues facing humanity at this time. The ISCP will also include current and former first ladies.

With this in mind, and as a part of the ISCP and with the support of the WFWP, an initial meeting of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace was convened in December of 2019 in the Republic of Palau, hosted by the First Lady of Palau, Madame Debbie Remengesau. The theme of this high-level meeting was "Building a World of Lasting Peace: Towards a First Ladies' Initiative."

We seek a world in which people of all nationalities, races, and cultures can discover their uniqueness and value, learn to love and be loved, and live in peace and harmony. Throughout human history, women and mothers have played a central role in supporting their husbands and nurturing and raising their children to be virtuous citizens. They have also been decisive contributors to reconciliation, peace building, reconstruction and development in the wider society and world.

A woman's motherly nature, her empathy toward the vulnerable, her preference to work in consensus, her natural bridge-building instinct, her commitment to peace and to defending social justice, and her consideration for the roles of nurturing and healing are but a few of many essential character traits needed to bring harmony and reconciliation in a wounded world.

We applaud with deepest gratitude and respect the leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, for their vision, sacrifice and example over many decades to create a world that is interdependent, mutually prosperous and based on universally shared values: One Family Under God.

Today we propose that women leaders from all national, racial and religious backgrounds and all sectors of society, together with those who have lived the responsibility of First Ladies in their nations, unite in solidarity to respond to today's challenges. The loving and sacrificial leadership of women working together to empower our youth for goodness, to build cohesive communities and, with men, establish models of ethical and balanced leadership to guide them has never been more critical.

Encouraged by the commitment and compassion of women leaders here present and around the world, a new partnership movement is being launched. This initiative is being led by first ladies, civil society and the private sector for the sake of providing a life of dignity for all people and a world of lasting peace. On this, the 5th day of February, the participants of the World Summit 2020 held in Seoul, Korea do unanimously endorse the resolution to establish the International Association of First Ladies for Peace, as a part of the International Summit Council for Peace. We will support the great work of ISCP and will work collaboratively with the other associations that are part of the Universal Peace Federation.

- February 5, 2020 Korea -

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Mme. Julia H. Moon
President of Women's Federation for World Peace International



Mme. Debbie M. Remengesau
First Lady of the Republic of Palau



Mme. Ingrid Jacinta Aingimea
First Lady of the Republic of Nauru



Mme. Lieom Anono Loeak
Former First Lady of the Republic of the Marshall Islands



Mme. Maria Fernanda Flores Lanzas Aleman
Former First Lady of the Republic of Nicaragua



Mme. Patience Jonathan
Former First Lady of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



Hon. Dra. Emilia Patricia Alfaro de Franco
Former First Lady of the Republic of Paraguay



Mme. Fionnuala Kenny
Spouse of Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland

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Dr. Celine Guerin
Neuroscientist and trauma therapist



Dr. Svetlana Jovic
Director of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Lebanon



Mrs. Laura J. Clarke
Co-Founder of the Palau Legacy Project



Dr. Samia Burton
Spouse of former US Congressman H.E. Dan Burton



Dr. Thomas Walsh
Chair of Universal Peace Federation International



Dr. Sun Jin Moon
Senior Vice President of Women's Federation for World Peace International



Hon. Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg
Minister of State of the Republic of Palau



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Mme. Julia H. Moon, International President of WFWP and Dr. Sun Jin Moon, International Senior Vice President of WFWP present gifts to all the current and former First Ladies



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Secretary General of the WFWP Asia, Mrs. Merly Christina Barlaan presenting Opening Announcement and Introduction of Moderator by In-house Master of Ceremony



President of the WFWP Nepal, Mrs. Blessie Dhakal reads the Resolution for the Establishment of IAFLP



The participants and the panelists during the High-Level Assembly of the IAFLP



The entertainment of 'Jinsoe Festival' prepared by the Little Angels brought smiles to the participants during the Inaugural Session of the IAFLP



WFWP Korea delegates with First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau and Mme. Julia Moon



First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau and Mme. Julia Moon welcome the participants with the Little Angels



First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau and Mme. Julia Moon with international leaders



The participants take group photo with First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau and Mme. Julia Moon







Director of the WFWPI United Nations Office, Mrs. Carolyn Handschin as the in-house emcee during the High-Level Assembly of the IAFLP



First Lady Mme. Debbie Remengesau and Mme. Julia Moon lead the signing of the Resolution of IAFLP



Dr. Sun Jin Moon and Prof. Yeon Ah Moon sign the Resolution of IAFLP



Former First Lady Mme. Flutura Ahmeti and First Lady Mme. Ingrid Jacinta Aingimea sign the Resolution of IAFLP



Former First Lady Mme. Bernadette Meme Tong and Former First Lady Mme. Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau sign the Resolution of IAFLP



Former First Lady Mme. Callista Jennie Mutharika signs the Resolution of IAFLP



Mrs. Graciela Rompani signs the Resolution of IAFLP

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