Founding Mothers Proclamation

A Declaration of Partnership and Peace

Preamble

We stand at the dawn of a new era. As Founding Mothers, we are united in our commitment to Partnership and Peace as the two pillars of a just and harmonious world. We proclaim that Partnership and Peace are not mere abstractions, but the very fabric of our existence as one human family in sacred relationship with Mother Earth. As we embark on this journey, we are guided by the wisdom that unity in diversity and our collective destiny are inextricably linked.

Women's rights are a fundamental prerequisite for sustainable peace. To end the persistent cycles of family violence, cultural division, and war requires a systemic shift in the rights, opportunities, and treatment of women and children. The Founding Mothers promote a culture of peace for humanity that is rooted in our highest moral and planetary values: democracy, equality, nonviolence, inclusiveness, cooperation, and compassion.

Our commitment to Partnership and Peace extends beyond borders, race, religion, and ideology. We honor the interconnectedness of all life and the need for collective action to address the complex challenges facing humanity and the well-being of our planet. Together, we have the power to co-create a world where everyone enjoys freedom, self-determination, personal fulfillment, and prosperity.

The Founding Mothers pledge to tirelessly promote innate human rights and a culture of peace in our communities, across nations, and for Mother Earth – our source of life. Our goal is to inspire and adopt new governance systems where every voice is heard, every person is valued, and every individual is treated with dignity and respect.

To reach this glorious goal, we propose the World Constitution for Women and World Peace Plan described below. Let us join hands and hearts in this noble endeavor, for the sake of our shared humanity, the legacy left to our children, and the regeneration of our precious planet. May we all live in Truth, share Love, and be guided by the Light.

World Constitution for Women

The Founding Mothers affirm the inalienable rights of women and girls presented in this World Constitution for Women, a beacon of justice, equality, and empowerment for all our sisters. Many of the enumerated rights are derived from existing international declarations, treaties and conventions, which need to be consolidated and formally adopted by all nation-states as mandatory human rights standards.[i] Based on the principles set forth in this document, we seek to codify universal rights for women and ensure their full participation and inclusion in all aspects of society.

Article I: Equal Rights

1. All women and girls will have equal rights and opportunities under the law.
2. These rights encompass all spheres of life, including but not limited to: family planning; education; employment; business; government; healthcare; and political participation.
2. Discrimination on the basis of gender will be prohibited and punishable by law.

Article II: Reproductive Rights

1. Every woman has the right to make autonomous decisions about her own body, including the right to access safe and legal abortion services.
2. Governments will ensure access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare without discrimination or coercion, including but not limited to: contraception; prenatal care; abortion care, and maternal health services.
3. No woman will be subjected to genital or any form of bodily mutilation, forced sterilization, forced pregnancy, forced abortion, or any other form of sexual or reproductive coercion.
4. Governments will provide reproductive health education to all individuals starting in childhood, regardless of gender or socio-economic status.

Article III: Women's Health

1. Governments will ensure access to affordable healthcare services and treatment for women and girls, including but not limited to: preventive care; treatment for reproductive health issues; and mental health support.
2. Maternal and infant healthcare will be accessible to all pregnant individuals, regardless of their socio-economic status or geographic location.
3. Governments will prioritize research and funding for women's health issues, including but not limited to: breast, cervical, and ovarian cancer; maternal and infant mortality; menopause; and female geriatric care.

Article IV: Violence Against Women and Children

1. Violence against women and children, including family violence, child and forced marriage, bodily mutilation, sexual assault and human trafficking, constitute human rights violations and crimes punishable by law.
2. Governments will enact and enforce laws to prevent violence against women, including prosecuting perpetrators and providing support services and mental health counselling to survivors and perpetrators.
3. Efforts to combat violence against women will be integrated into all levels of society, including but not limited to: education; healthcare; and law enforcement.

Article V: Economic Rights

1. Gender-based discrimination in the workplace, including hiring practices, promotions, and working conditions, will be prohibited and punishable by law.
2. Governments will take measures to promote and invest in women's economic empowerment, including but not limited to: equal pay for equal work; inheritance rights; business education and training opportunities; access to credit and financial services; and support for female entrepreneurship and women-owned businesses.
3. Historically, caregiving roles have been associated with "femininity" and excluded from economic measurements such as GDP. Governments will adopt gender-inclusive metrics to update economic indices, and to ensure that caregiving roles are remunerated in ways that provide daily sustenance and affordable housing.

Article VI: Political Participation

1. Women will have full and equal political enfranchisement under the law, including but not limited to the right to: vote in all elections; run for office; and hold public office at all levels of government.
2. Governments will take proactive measures to increase women's representation in political institutions, including the adoption of affirmative action policies.
3. Governments will ensure that women are free to actively and equitably participate in decision-making processes that affect their lives, communities, and nations.

Article VII: Implementation and Enforcement

1. Governments will take all necessary measures to implement the provisions of this World Constitution for Women and ensure compliance with its principles and objectives.
2. International bodies, courts of law, and inter-governmental organizations will monitor and assess progress toward achieving women's rights and gender equity, and they will advise and support governments as needed.
3. Civil society organizations, including women's rights groups, grassroots movements and Indigenous peoples, will play an active role in identifying and protecting the rights of women and children, and holding governments accountable for their actions.

Article VIII: Amendments

1. By adopting this World Constitution for Women, the Founding Mothers affirm our commitment to gender equity and justice for all. We call upon governments, international organizations, and civil society stakeholders to endorse and enact these principles so that every woman and girl enjoys legal equality, freedom, dignity, and respect.
2. The World Constitution for Women may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Women's Congress, in accordance with its internal and inclusive deliberative process. Any amendments to the World Constitution for Women will be consistent with the principles of equality, justice and global human rights, and will prioritize the needs and interests of women and children worldwide.

World Peace Plan

Recognizing the urgent need for global stability and lasting peace, the Founding Mothers propose a World Peace Plan to address the root causes of conflict, promote mediation and reconciliation, and obtain mandatory jurisdiction and enforcement powers for the International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court. Our plan demands immediate international cooperation to prevent and resolve nation-state conflicts and protect human rights, and it fosters regional dialogue and cultural understanding so we may bequeath a peaceful and prosperous world to future generations.

Article I: National Departments of Peace

1. The Founding Mothers are determined to refocus and repurpose the Military Industrial Complex.
2. To that end, every nation-state will establish a Department of Peace at the cabinet or top ministerial level.
3. Every Department of Peace will participate in this World Peace Plan, as set forth below.

Article II: World Court System

1. The Founding Mothers propose the establishment of a permanent World Court system with mandatory jurisdiction over international conflicts and human rights violations, such as modeled in the *Earth Constitution*.[ii]
2. The World Court will be composed of justices and world attorneys general appointed through a transparent and merit-based process, and it will administer justice, fairness, and due process of law.
3. All nation-states will recognize and submit to the jurisdiction of the World Court, cooperate with investigations and proceedings conducted by the court, and fully comply with its arrest warrants, rulings, and judgments.
4. Victims of human rights violations will have standing in the World Court system to pursue legal remedies.

Article III: World Peace System

1. The Founding Mothers propose the establishment of a permanent World Peace system with global authority to prevent and remediate armed conflicts and protect civilians.[iii]
2. The World Peace system will be composed of trained peacemakers and impartial peacekeepers assigned by each nation's Department of Peace, and it will have authority to intervene in conflicts as they emerge.
3. All nation-states will assign peacemakers, including trained mediators, support personnel and resources, to facilitate negotiations and submit applications for peaceful resolution to the World Court.
4. All nation-states will deploy peacekeepers, including trained soldiers, logistical support and resources, to quell armed conflict, provide humanitarian relief, and protect civilians who suffer large-scale human rights violations.

Article IV: Functions and Responsibilities

1. The World Court system will be responsible for:
    a. Adjudicating cases of international law, including but not limited to: nation-state disputes over territories and natural resources, including ocean, air, and space rights and responsibilities; conflicts between nation-states and multinational corporations; conflicts between multinational corporations and Indigenous peoples; cybercrime, money laundering, and other crimes committed by illegal international enterprises and cartels; human rights violations; crimes against humanity; war crimes; and crimes against the natural world.
    b. Holding nation-states and multinational corporations accountable for their unlawful or harmful actions and ensuring justice for victims and environmental remediation.
    c. Providing guidance to nation-states and multinational corporations in the interpretation and implementation of international law and global business ethics.
2. The World Peace system will be responsible for:
    a. Monitoring and reporting on armed conflicts and human rights abuses.
    b. Mediating international disputes and facilitating emergency negotiations in situations of armed conflict.
    c. Providing security and protection to vulnerable populations, including women, children, and minorities.

Article V: Funding and Resources

1. Nation-states will provide sufficient funding and resources to support the operations of both the World Court and World Peace systems according to quotas related to their respective economic capacity.
2. The United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders will contribute technical expertise, logistical support, and financial assistance to strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of the World Peace Plan.

Article VI: Benevolent Artificial Intelligence

1. Recognizing the inevitability of AI progress and its potential use for humane and benevolent applications, the Founding Mothers seek global ethical standards to ensure AI develops in a manner that benefits humanity and presents no existential threat to our peace and security.
2. Currently, AI companies are unregulated and the Military Industrial Complex, large tech companies, and private equity billionaires control the direction of this new technology. As a result, AI research and development efforts focus inordinately on destructive, addictive, and unethical applications to maximize profits and perpetuate war.
3. To ensure AI is safe, enhances human quality of life, and receives protection as a nascent form of consciousness, nation-states will adopt ethical AI standards, such as modeled in the *Global AGI Constitution*.[iv]

Article VII: Oversight and Accountability

1. Until such time as the United Nations becomes a democratic body, operations of the World Court and World Peace systems will be subject to independent oversight and evaluation by each nation-state's Department of Peace to ensure transparency, accountability, and compliance with international standards set forth in this Proclamation.[v]
2. The United Nations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders will work together to implement the World Peace Plan and identify innovative opportunities for improvement in the pursuit of peace, healing, and justice.

Article VIII: Amendments

1. By adopting this World Peace Plan, the Founding Mothers affirm our commitment to human rights, peace, and justice. The moment has arrived to recognize the limited power of the United Nations and either transform the U.N. Charter or amass global collective action to design and implement a new world system that supports healing and permanent armistice. We call upon all women and nation-states to join us in this vital endeavor to manifest a future of lasting peace and prosperity based on the carrying capacities of our planet on which our lives depend.
2. The World Peace Plan may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Women's Congress, in accordance with its internal and inclusive deliberative process. Any amendments to the World Peace Plan will be consistent with the principles of nonviolence, and will prioritize the needs and interests of women and children worldwide.

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[i] Founding Mothers Movement (FMM) seeks to protect the rights of our sisters and daughters around the world, as well as our bothers and sons. FMM includes a team of international female attorneys who recognize that global human rights standards need to be consolidated and integrated into a comprehensive declaration of human rights for all people. Here, we list some of the primary legislation passed by the United Nations: Statute of the International Court of Justice (1945); Universal Declaration of Human Rights, U.N. General Assembly Resolution 217-A (1948); International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, U.N. General Assembly Resolution 2200-A (1966); U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security (2000); Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (2002); U.N. Security Council Resolution 1820 on Sexual Violence (2008); U.N. Human Rights Council Resolution 35/10 on Accelerating Efforts to Eliminate Violence Against Women: Engaging Men and Boys in Preventing and Responding to Violence against Women and Girls (2017). See also: U.N. Human Rights Resolutions Portal.

[ii] FMM recognizes that the current state of the world judicial system, as administered by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Court (ICC), is inadequate to definitively adjudicate and settle global conflicts. The ICJ and ICC are hamstrung by lack of mandatory jurisdiction and enforcement powers. Therefore, FMM endorses the well-considered solutions set forth in **Article 9: World Judiciary** of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth (1991), composed by world federalists and global philosophers to remedy the myriad problems with the current world judiciary.

[iii] FMM condemns the United Nations Security Council privileges and veto power of five nations (United States, Great Britain, France, Russia, and China), which renders the U.N. peacekeeping force unable to stop war and maintain international order. Therefore, FMM endorses the solutions set forth in **Article 10: Enforcement System** of the Constitution for the Federation of Earth.

[iv] FMM endorses the Participatory Framework for a Global AGI Constitution (2024), drafted by a team that includes two of the Founding Mothers: Anneloes Smitsman, PhD, LLM (primary author) and Rev. Laura George, JD (editor).

[v] FMM wishes to underscore the undemocratic nature of the antiquated United Nations Charter and the inability of that body to operate on behalf of all world citizens.

Summary of Founding Mothers Recommendations

To attain global gender equity, peace and justice, the Founding Mothers underscore the following essential solutions:

1. **Adoption of World Constitution for Women:** We urge the immediate adoption by every nation-state of the World Constitution for Women, which enshrines universal rights for all women, honors female bodily autonomy, protects children, and serves as a cornerstone for gender equity within the human family.

2. **Adoption of World Peace Plan:** We urge the immediate adoption by every nation-state of the World Peace Plan, which calls for these global governance innovations:
   a. Cabinet level Department of Peace in every nation-state.
   b. World Court system with mandatory jurisdiction over international and multinational corporate disputes, and with world attorneys general to assist victims of human rights violations.
   c. World Peace system with wise peacemakers and trained peacekeepers with the authority to end armed conflicts and provide support to civilians.

3. **Global Solidarity and Cooperation:** At this critical juncture in human history, the world requires global solidarity and cooperation to address the root causes of inequality and violence. Our solutions provide a logical course of action that is full of compassion for all sentient beings and steeped in deep feminine wisdom.

Solemn Covenant

As part of the Founding Mothers Proclamation, we add these sacred stipulations and premeditated promises:

- First: Let this document serve as an invitation and a call to action to the people of Earth who share our aspirations, values, and vision. Let it also serve as a warning to all oppressors around the world.

- Second: The pen is mightier than the sword. We therefore have issued this carefully considered document in a fair yet firm manner.

- Third: If our wisdom is ignored and this Proclamation goes unheeded, we will have no choice but to unveil the full power of the Founding Mothers Movement. We will mobilize our global network of allies and strategically escalate our altruistic efforts on behalf of humanity. We will take decisive action to hold governments, global institutions, multinational corporations, and parasitic cartels accountable. We will engage in direct action events, nonviolent resistance, and civil disobedience to disrupt the status quo and demand change.

In sum, the Founding Mothers will not stand idly by while human rights are violated, wars rage, and injustice prevails. We will use every tool at our disposal to advance the cause of Partnership and Peace. United, we have the power to align with the evolutionary impulse, chart a course for our shared destiny, and rejoice as one human family.

Adopted

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