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EMERGENCY MOTIONS

TEMPLATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMERGENCY MOTIONS EWL ANNUAL CONFERENCE Lisbon, 11 October 2014

Date: 2014-09-11

Title of the emergency motion: Action on the crimes against women committed by IS

[One Emergency motion per full member organisation, seconded by 5 other full member organisations of EWL]

Organisation proposing the emergency motion:

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Organisations seconding the motion: (5)

Name of the 5 organisations:

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French coordination for the European Women's Lobby

National Council of German Women's Organisations

Italian Coordination of the European Women's Lobby /Lef-Italia

Malta Confederation Of Women's Organisations

Kvinderådet (The Women's Council in Denmark)

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Text of the emergency motion (maximum 5 lines) – Please note that ONLY this text will be voted on at the Annual Conference-

We urge the EWL to address the issue of the crimes committed by IS and other armed groups against the women in Iraq, Syria and Kurdistan and to put pressure on EU and the UN to take action leading to peace and non-violent resolution in the region. What is currently happening is a violation of human rights and particularly of women's rights. The EU should condemn all states providing IS military and financial support. The provisions of UNSCR 1325 and the commitments made by EU in the Comprehensive approach to the EU implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on women, peace and security need to be met. In 2014, Iraq as the first country in the Middle East adopted a national plan of action for UNSCR 1325. This needs to be implemented.

Political context (maximum 5 lines):

This is an urgent matter considering the critical development in Iraq, Syria and Kurdistan the past few months where IS is expanding their territory, spreading terror and committing genocide, ethnic and religious cleansing. In recent weeks Iraq has witnessed the takeover of several major cities. Women are especially targeted and subjected to violence, torture, rape, slavery and murder. Rape and killing of women is used as warfare. IS has moved to impose its fundamentalist agenda directly on the bodies of women. This motion is consistent with EWL position paper on "Religion and Women's Human Rights" published in May 27, 2006 denouncing the use of religion as justification for infringements of women's human rights and supporting the corresponding Council of Europe resolution (N° 1464, 2005). Secularism remains a key issue for women's human rights.

What are the financial implications for the EWL?

None.

