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We, the participants of the Third Eurasian Women's Forum,

reaffirming our commitment to the fundamental instruments on equal rights and opportunities for men and women, primarily the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted by the UN on 18 December 1979, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing on 4–15 September 1995, and the Sustainable Development Goals as set out in the UN General Assembly Resolution “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” adopted on 25 September 2015,

taking into account the Resolution on UNIDO, Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (GC.18/Res.2) adopted during the 18th Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on 5 November 2019, which highlights the role of the Eurasian Women's Forum as an international platform supporting women,

building on the outcomes of the World Congress of Compatriots Living Abroad held under the theme of Female Compatriots and the Succession of Generations in Moscow on 30–31 October 2019,

noting the increased role of women in addressing challenges of global development, the transition to new models of economic growth and the promotion of the digital economy, strengthening international cooperation on health, particularly with

regard to establishing effective interaction in preventing and combating new pandemics, and preserving the planet's environment for future generations,

stressing the importance of developing women's leadership,

pursuing the ideas of integration and expanded cooperation in order to strengthen the role of women in achieving the sustainable development and shaping new approaches to addressing global challenges ,

expressing the conviction that unlocking the potential of women's participation in economic development, international trade and entrepreneurship is a profitable investment in long-term development and a source of growth during the global economic recovery in the aftermath of the crisis caused by the consequences novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic,

emphasizing special mission of women in strengthening international cooperation in the field of health care, shaping a healthy future for children and future generations and ensuring their social wellbeing, as well as preserving traditional values, realizing spiritual and moral potential, and protecting the interests of the family,

highlighting the role of female scientists in developing scientific knowledge that makes it possible to respond to the global challenges of our time in a timely manner, and creating technologies, products and services that are necessary to significantly improve the quality of life of the population and that meet the national priorities of states,

noting the key role of the Council of the Eurasian Women's Forum under the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation as an important and reputable platform for women's economic empowerment,

supporting the launch of practical work on the part of the BRICS Women's Business Alliance and the implementation of multilateral, mutually beneficial projects initiated by its participants,

welcoming interaction with partners at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (hereinafter the APEC Forum),

acknowledging the holding of the annual competition for women's entrepreneurial projects as part of forum events and the establishing the Club of participants and winners of the APEC BEST AWARD contest as significant events that

will have a positive impact on the development of international collaboration among female entrepreneurs,

considering the vision for a Greater Eurasian Partnership proposed by the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, designed to lay down networks of free trade zones and to bridge the integration processes across the vast Eurasian space, as well as cultural and social cooperation between the Greater Eurasian nations as a response to the hardships brought about by the disunity caused by the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic,

attaching great significance to strengthening interaction between Russian women living abroad and Russia, increasing the number of women's communities, clubs, organizations and alliances created by female compatriots abroad, and efforts to protect the rights and legitimate interests of female compatriots in their countries of residence and further consolidate the global movement of Russians living abroad,

considering that social support, health care and lifelong access to medical services are a fundamental right of every person,

acknowledging that the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic has had a negative impact, particularly on the status of women,

noting that digitalization has become a new source of inequality,

assuming that the development of the digital economy has set new goals and given rise to new ways of achieving them and that this requires the creation and implementation of new approaches to assisting women in acquiring the key competencies of the digital economy, ensuring mass digital literacy and personalized education,

noting that the impacts of environmental pollution, climate change, the mismanagement and misuse of natural resources, the loss of biodiversity and land degradation exacerbate the plight of those living in the world's poorest countries, with women more likely to be living in poverty than men,

HIGHLIGHT the need for governments to adopt national strategic documents in the interests of women,

CONFIRM the practical significance of international organizations and forums in the exchange of best practices and advanced expertise in empowering women and developing women's entrepreneurship,

ATTACH great significance to the increased international cooperation in promoting best practices in women's entrepreneurship and the most effective business models, including with partners within the framework of the APEC Forum,

CONSIDER to prepare and implement joint projects within the framework of the APEC Forum that are aimed at strengthening the role of women in the economy, developing professional communication among women entrepreneurs, and creating mentoring programmes,

EXPRESS our conviction that women can and should give an impetus to the in civilizational, cultural, scientific and humanitarian integration on the basis of the rich historical heritage of joint development of the peoples of the Eurasian continent, the unique and distinctive character of the Eurasian civilization, and the awareness of the peoples living on the continent of their common past, present and future by speaking the language of diplomacy, culture and kindness,

WELCOME the efforts of female Russian compatriots living abroad and Russian-speaking women sharing fundamental values to come together under a global organization – the World Federation of Russian-Speaking Women's Organizations,

EMPHASIZE the need to pay special attention to ensuring the active longevity of elderly citizens, who should be afforded the proper opportunity to attend cultural and entertainment events, participate in physical activities and sports, and travel,

CONSIDER it a duty of states to create the necessary conditions for the universal access of women to quality health care and advanced medical technologies,

CALL FOR the potential of women in scientific fields to be used more broadly,

ACKNOWLEDGE, in pursuance of the principles of genuine partnership at the global level, that the main goals of digitalization should be to improve people's quality of life and provide them with equal access to benefits regardless of gender, age, social status or place of residence,

UNDERLINE the need to strengthen the role of women in the transition to new models of economic growth, ensure access to education, and actively involve women in hi-tech industries, and

EXPRESS conviction that women are able to influence the solution of environmental problems and build a circular economy, including through the introduction of environmentally friendly everyday practices.

Having, within the context of the current situation, considered current issues of importance regarding the involvement of women in ensuring sustainable development **in five strategic areas:**

the mission of women to shape a new agenda for peace and trust;

the mission of women to achieve social transformation;

the mission of women to come together for a healthy society;

the mission of women in the context of digitalization and economic development;

and

the mission of women to protect the planet and establish a philosophy of conscious consumption and an environmentally friendly future,

we, the participants of the Third Eurasian Women's Forum, call upon states, international organizations and national public associations to act decisively in the following key areas.

In international cooperation for peace and trust:

to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and monitor their implementation as part of the UN Decade of Action launched in 2020, as a prerequisite for improving the quality of life of the population;

to exchange experience and best practices to eliminate all forms of violence against women and children and to provide assistance to countries experiencing armed conflicts and natural disasters;

to take measures to promote the participation of women in the prevention and resolution of armed conflicts, and peacekeeping in post-conflict situations;

to promote the equal and full participation of women at every stage of processes to resolve armed conflicts, including peace negotiations, both as part of delegations of the

parties involved and in missions to monitor the implementation of the relevant agreements;

to provide women peacekeepers, local politicians and public figures with the opportunity and a necessary conditions to fulfil their responsibilities in armed conflict situations;

to expand international cooperation within the framework of discussion platforms and forums in order to facilitate the exchange of information on the fight against the challenges faced in the new reality, including the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic;

to promote the development of international discussion and expert platforms within international organizations and associations such as the UN, UNIDO, WHO, IPU, CIS, EAEU, APEC, BRICS, Women20, etc.;

to welcome the idea of creating a permanent coordination mechanism within the framework of the Eurasian Women's Forum to promote representatives of the G20 Women 20, develop initiatives, create a database of projects involving representatives of the Women 20 and popularize these projects;

to expand the participation of women in ensuring global security, with a key role of facilitating both cultural and humanitarian dialogue and interfaith and interethnic harmony;

to welcome the We Are Together International Prize as a competitive track of the #MYVMESTE International Prize established in Russia in 2020 and supported by President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin, and to involve the women's expert community in the implementation and promotion of its national and international events;

to establish mentoring programmes for young women leaders from countries that participate in the Eurasian Women's Forum;

to organize internships for the winners of national competitions and awards, as well as for female members of the regional parliaments of countries that participate in the Eurasian Women's Forum, in national parliaments and international organizations within the Eurasian space.

In social transformation:

to pay particular attention to reducing inequality between men and women associated with the gender pay gap;

to develop and promote programmes and projects that support people with family obligations, including childcare for preschool children and social care programmes for people with disabilities and senior citizens;

to create conditions for increased participation of women in social and family entrepreneurship and the implementation of social projects put forward by women;

to make the necessary efforts to increase the coverage of social protection and support measures for women, especially those from vulnerable social groups, with a particular focus on the threats faced by women as a result of the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic;

to promote women's representation in processes related to national and global strategic planning, the prioritization and development of socioeconomic measures to overcome the consequences of the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic, and preparing to deal with global public health challenges;

to recognize active longevity and efforts to improve the quality of life of citizens as some of the most urgent tasks faced by the countries of the Eurasian community;

to promote the active participation of senior citizens in all spheres of public life, with priority given to the implementation of state programmes aimed at maintaining physical health, intellectual activity and the development of senior volunteer work while taking into account the special requirements and health of the elderly;

to introduce measures for creating a long-term care system in order to increase the life expectancy of citizens of the Eurasian community;

to recognize that unique life experience, wisdom, the ability to cope with difficulties and overcome various life situations, kinship and the generational bridge are powerful resources that support all family members;

to identify the problems faced by women as a result of the novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) pandemic and develop measures to stimulate research in this area;

to create the necessary conditions for women to pursue employment, including building flexible work schedules and other employment benefits for women with children, providing them with opportunities for a continuous career and equal access to knowledge, skills and opportunities;

to create conditions for supervision and care for the children of female students and teachers in the education system;

to make wider use of the potential of women in education in the post-COVID world to properly respond to potential challenges in this area and improve the quality of education;

to create the proper conditions for talent development by creating a system of identifying and supporting the abilities of girls and women;

to promote the creative professions among women and highlight the success stories of women who are distinguished cultural figures.

In ensuring a healthy society:

to address issues in health care development, social services, and the provision of support and skills training for family care, and strengthen intergenerational communication and mentoring;

to implement measures aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle and responsible attitudes to health among women;

to create conditions for reducing maternal, infant and child mortality and providing high-quality medical and social assistance for women;

to improve regulatory support for leading a healthy lifestyle;

to take measures to prevent premature ageing, cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis in women;

to create conditions for women to engage in active recreation and to recover after the working day through fitness activities and sports;

to provide support to female athletes at various levels;

to promote fitness activities and sports among women;

to provide grant support to non-profit fitness and sports organizations offering services to women and their families;

to ensure access to athletics and sporting events, including for sports-oriented families;

to take part in the development of a special “Women Leaders in Sports” project as part of the Council of the Eurasian Women’s Forum under the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation aimed at promoting the role of women in international sports organizations, as well as playing an active role in the process of resolving significant social problems through fitness activities and sports.

In digitalization and economic development:

to implement national plans to increase the attractiveness of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM education) for girls and women in order to prepare them for the professions of the future, helping them to develop the necessary professional skills and competencies in this area;

to foster an interest in technical professions among girls at an early age by promoting the achievements of women in these areas, and to involve women scientists and engineering and technical workers in career guidance for young people;

to develop women’s professional mentoring in order to train a new generation of highly qualified women professionals with the most in-demand professional skills and knowledge;

to create conditions for women to receive vocational education in cutting-edge economic sectors, taking into account the most in-demand professions and the professions of the future, in order to develop new competencies and qualifications among women, including in entrepreneurship and the creative industries;

to develop mechanisms to support women scientists (researchers) and create conditions for their professional and personal growth through specialized forms of grant support and professional competitions for women innovators, to attract public attention to the achievements of women scientists (researchers) by promoting the results of their work;

to continue to increase participation of girls and women in science and promote the slogan “The world needs science, and science needs women”;

to pay special attention to education and increasing digital and financial literacy among women in order to bridge the gender gap in professional activities and opportunities, and to assist women entrepreneurs in promoting the digitalization of business;

to introduce innovative models to support female entrepreneurship and expand women's participation in business management;

to strengthen the role of women through the development of and support for new women's business initiatives and projects, which will contribute to economic recovery and efforts to combat the consequences of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;

to use the Eurasian Women's Forum as a platform for collecting a single international base of women's success stories in order to overcome stereotypes about women, developing women's initiatives and exchanging best practices to promote and implement future programmes and projects;

to build platforms aimed at promoting work in knowledge-intensive professions and hi-tech companies;

to develop strategies for the development of rural infrastructure to create better working conditions for women in rural areas;

to promote the development of rural entrepreneurship;

to introduce special corporate programmes to support women.

In protecting the planet and establishing a philosophy of conscious consumption and an environmentally friendly future:

to get more women involved in decision-making on environmental conservation and climate change mitigation, including through global, national and local environmental strategies, programmes and initiatives;

to promote the participation of women in national and international projects in environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG);

to promote the participation of women in environmental and climate research and the dissemination of knowledge on these issues;

to involve women's organizations and female entrepreneurs in organizing and spreading sustainable household practices;

to promote women's public associations implementing projects to protect the environment and fight climate change;

to organize platforms to scale up women's initiatives to conserve natural resources, develop a circular economy and adapt to climate change.

WE CALL ON to heads of states, parliamentary leadership, and heads of international organizations and national public associations to fully contribute to the implementation of the provisions of this Final Document.