INLW resolution to 60th Liberal International Congress

**Insecurity and Climate Change two vast Challenges for Women in Africa**

On the African Continent Women are victims of two Phenomena’s

The first is the growing strength of the Islamic Radicalism which is at the origin of different armed conflicts which is threatening the most basic rights of women.

The second one is strongly linked to the first and is the Climate Change which has intensive impact on the region of Northern Africa and Sub Sahara Africa. The “Groupe d’Experts Intergouvernemental sur l’évolution du climat” (GIEC),reports that 300 million Africans do not have access to drinking water, 600 million do not have access to clean energy sources and use peat and fire wood to heat themselves, which is an imminent health risk. It has been calculated that women and young girls in Africa spend 1.400 million hours a day fetching water etc.

500 million hectares of land are already degraded and threaten the food security of the African Continent. This has an impact on growing immigration and increased (armed) conflicts between different tribes and groups.

This increases the insecurity of women as individuals but also as members of society. They are the most vulnerable group prone to insecurity and very often in these circumstances victims of violence.

**Liberal International speaks out its concern**

-that PEACE PROCESSES AND UN SC RESOLUTION 1325 (2000) to promote the participation and protection of women are failing to work in many devastating situations of armed conflicts.

 **Liberal International expresses deep concern**

at the full range of threats and violations and abuses of human rights experienced by women ad girls, whereby they are specifically targeted or exposed to increased risk of violence, abuses, forced displacement, forced disappearances and whereby the civilian infrastructure is being destructed.

**Liberal International calls for action to**

 1- Protect the women and their rights in the zones of conflict in Africa and the Middle East.

2- Integrate the Gender Component in the Paris Agreements (COP 21) on Climate Change

3- Create a fund dedicated to strengthening women's resilience to Climate Change, whose financial resource could be channeled through the Green Climate Fund or other innovative climate finance mechanisms.