

Women and girls and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)

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Noting that:

- In this Resolution, “technology” includes: at all schooling levels and in all public or employee training programs, modern curriculum offerings in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM); and availability of computer, scientific and like equipment and applied training required to support that learning by women and girls
- Women and girls are more than 50 percent of the world population
- Technology, specifically digital technology, can advance the position of women and girls
- Technology can help in the education of girls
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) is important in the present time to such an extent that without it many will not be able to understand or keep up with the present developments in all fields
- Technology has connected countries all over the world and is not restricted by borders unless the politicians forbid the connections with the outside world.

Considering it:

- Worldwide an important issue in the education of women and girls
- Worldwide because connection with the world outside your country helps to form your mind
- Worldwide because we know that in keeping women and girls away from technology it will keep them in a second rate position and often abusive atmosphere and easily exploited.

Calls upon liberal organizations to urge their governments to take action:

- To give access to education to transform the lives of women and girls and thus generate new possibilities for individuals, families and communities, as access to education is yet not possible for nearly 130 million girls worldwide partly because of crisis-affected countries but partly because of political choices,
- To make STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) available to all women and girls,
- To advance technology and to put it to work on behalf of a safer, more sustainable, more equitable future for all children, girls and boys,

- to remove all obstacles to advance technology and introduce technology in schools for girls and boys in the same way. As the choice we make now will profoundly impact our path forward for the participation of women and girls worldwide
- To ensure that the United Nations continuously highlights the central role of education for furthering women's empowerment