



METROPOLIS WOMEN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK
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**SPECIAL MOTION OF THANKS
TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

We would like to thank His Excellency the President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr Alassane Ouattara, for agreeing to hold this World Forum of the Metropolis Women International Network in Côte d'Ivoire. By doing so, he has given women the opportunity not only to reflect on the issue of caring for women in periods of armed conflict, but also to identify pointers about how to resolve it. Holding this World Forum in Abidjan considerably helps Côte d'Ivoire to regain its rightful place within the community of nations.

Mr President of the Republic, as a result of your effective action, Côte d'Ivoire is today on the starting block of emerging countries.

All women and the METROPOLIS Network say thank you.

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Read by the Belgian delegation

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MOTION OF THANKS TO METROPOLIS

Mr Robert BEUGRE MAMBE, Governor, Vicepresident of Metropolis,

Please convey our particular thanks to the President of Metropolis for having encouraged the creation of the Metropolis Women International Network, a key framework within which women from the world's big cities are able to come together and exchange ideas and opinions about the issue of promoting and defending the rights of women.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to you, Mr Vicepresident, for your personal involvement in every stage of this programme's execution. Thank you for the facilities extended to our organisation for the execution of the various tasks.

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**Read by the Gabonese delegation representative
Ms Odette MOUYAYOU**

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**MOTION OF THANKS TO MR HAMED BAKAYOKO, MINISTER
OF STATE, MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR
AND SECURITY**

Mr Minister of State,

All the delegates convened at the World Forum should be grateful if you would accept our sincere thanks for your support for the Metropolis Women International Network. Indeed, it is thanks to your efforts that we have been able to solve some of the problems connected with the visa formalities of certain foreign delegations. Moreover, the police have constantly and efficiently ensured the security of our activities.

Thank you once again Mr Minister of State, Minister of the Interior and Security for the love you have for your country.

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**MOTION OF SUPPORT FOR FEMALE VICTIMS OF WAR IN THE
WORLD**

We express our support for all female victims of moral, material, physical and psychological violence in periods of armed conflict all over the world.

We congratulate them on their determination and resourcefulness when it comes to supporting their families and even their community at the cost of their own lives, and encourage them to defend their dignity under all circumstances.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- **For the Metropolis Women International Network**

We recommend that the Metropolis Women International Network should fully play its role as an upholder of morals and a companion within the context of elections all over the world, to ensure the place of women in electoral processes. Furthermore, the Metropolis Women International Network should not only ensure that women take their rightful place in decision-making bodies, but also a greater implementation of its antennae in every big city all over the world.

For women themselves, we recommend that they rise up and get more involved in the defence of their rights and obligations. Because no one is in a better position than oneself to defend one's interests.

- **For decision makers**

We recommend that decision makers should take into account the interests of women in national decisions, ensuring that signed and ratified international conventions are effectively applied in order to guarantee the legal security of women.

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