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Monthly Updaptes

Dear Partners and Friends,

We hope all of you are well and safe. Covid-19 is slowly decreasing in many parts of the world, but we are not yet out of the woods.

Today, we wish to share with you an important initiative we carried out under the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva, of which we are a long-standing active member. In fact, we collectively prepared the OPEN LETTER below:



NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva

On behalf of women and children from around the world:

**Open Letter to Presidents Biden and Putin
on the occasion of the June 16, 2021 Summit
in International Geneva**

June 14, 2021

Honorable Presidents and Excellencies:

In the name of the world's women and children, we wish to share with you our profound desire and need for a more peaceful world - a world in which every man, woman and child can experience a life filled with dignity and opportunity, without fear or want.

We ask you on this auspicious occasion of your Summit meeting in International Geneva on 16 June 2021, to speak to one another on our behalf on the right of all people to be free from violence and fear. It has been said "that we need to end wars, or wars will end all of us". Armed conflicts and military arsenals are one of the greatest temptations to violence in the world. We have convinced ourselves that wars are necessary and overlook the danger and trauma they present to women, children, as well as the brave soldiers.

Women and children represent 75 % of the world's population, the world's largest constituency, yet we have little to say in decision-making processes and therefore in shaping the economic, social and political environment we live in. It is imperative that our thoughts and visions, skills and lived experiences and our deep aspirations for a more just and peaceful world are used to catalyze system-wide transformations for equality, sustainable development, and peace.

We are waiting for your leadership on a more sustainable future so that all children and grandchildren, including yours, do not inherit the dangerous and fragile world we are leaving them. Women who give life to all humanity, must be given the right to co-design the world we share and to raise our children to serve as changemakers and ambassadors for peace in their own and other nations.

Let peace begin with you today, to take a strong stand for a more just and equitable world. We are calling on you to commit here in International Geneva, a city for peace, human rights, and service to humanity - to ensure lasting peace for women, children, and all mankind.

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Why an Open Letter to President Biden and Putin?

First, the auspicious occasion of a high-level Summit, organized in International Geneva, a city for peace, human rights, and service to humanity, by the Swiss government with two of the most powerful leaders in the world, we saw an opportunity to re-state our plea for a more just and equitable world and lasting peace.

Our political systems are not designed to change, so we, the women, and children of the world, must bring to the table a new way of sharing who we are and what we need. We represent 75% of the world's population, the largest constituency on the planet, and still have little to say in decision-making processes that shape the economic, social, and political environment we live in.

We hope you share the Open Letter with your family, friends, and networks, including the media, and let's see how we can create new tools and language that enable transformational change.



NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva

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- NGO CSW Geneva member organisations urge Presidents Biden and Putin to speak to each other on behalf of women and children around the world about peace and disarmament and the right of all people to be free from violence and fear.
- Women and children represent 75 % of the world's population and demand the right to co-create the economic, social, and political environment in which they live and system-wide transformation for equality, development, and peace.
- We hope to hear a strong commitment to peace for women and children in the world on this auspicious occasion from President Biden and President Putin in International Geneva, a city for peace, human rights, and service to humanity.

* *The NGO CSW Geneva (<https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/>) acts as a strategic platform for UN accredited Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) with consultative status with ECOSOC for the advancement of human rights and the empowerment of women. The Committee acts as a forum for the exchange of information and views on matters of common interest and coordinates the drafting of joint statements to UN agencies and commissions. It cooperates with its sister committees in New York and Vienna and supports the work of UN Women and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women*.*

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We express our thanks to all partners and friends that have sent us nominations of candidates for our « **2021 Prize for women's creativity in rural life** ». We have over 30 candidates and are in the process of preselecting the winners, who the WWSF Jury members will announce just before 1st of October.



In concluding, we remind you that we are working hard to update our annual empowerment campaign Kits.



We are your partners in continuing your local mobilization work in local communities and groups so that they are knowledgeable about positive solutions to help meet the many challenges we are exposed to now.

We will announce the 2021 Kits in our July regular Newsletter.

Never forget that changemakers never stop as their mission lives in their hearts and they cannot do but build better conditions for all.

Dear Partners and Friends,

To make progress towards the many Sustainable Development Goals and Targets and the systematic mainstreaming of a human rights perspective is our ultimate aim. We thank you for your solidarity in reaching these goals.

In partnership,



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About us: *The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), created in 1991 in Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's rights, mobilizes via its annual campaigns, round tables, world days and prize awards civil society actors to catalyze increased action for change so that we will reach the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.*

Thank you for sharing our regular Newsletters and annual campaign kits with your network and friends to increase civil society bold action for change.

"Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



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