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8th March: International Women’s Day:
Teachers on the Move for Equality

Dear Colleagues,

To mark International Women’s Day, 8th March, Education International is calling upon member organisations to engage in activities highlighting women’s and girls’ right to quality education and to economic empowerment. In this context I invite you to implement appropriate activities on this important day and to emphasise in those activities the intrinsic value of gender equality, fairness and solidarity to society.

Just over one year ago, EI convened in Bangkok a colourful, powerful and inspiring Women’s Conference that set the tone for our work on gender equality for the rest of the year. On the Move for Equality was EI’s First World Women’s Conference. Six months later, at the World Congress in Cape Town, almost 1,000 delegates unanimously adopted a Resolution on Gender Equality, which outlined the basis for the EI Gender Equality Action Plan.

This plan will shape the gender equality work of the global organisation for the coming four years and beyond, focusing on three priorities:
- Gender equality in unions
- Girls’ access to and participation in quality education
- The economic empowerment of women.

Action in these three areas is urgently needed. The 2011 EI Report on the Status of Women in Unions, Education and Society shows that, although almost all countries have gender equality enshrined in their legal systems, often these laws are neither implemented properly nor enforced adequately. While education unions reaffirm regularly their commitment to gender equality, the Report shows that women constitute the majority of union members in most regions but they are underrepresented in the union leadership. The higher the decision-making body, the lower is the percentage of women participants in the body.

Education unions play a vital role in achieving equality in society generally. By securing women workers’ rights through collective bargaining, and by educating the next generation in the spirit of gender equality and solidarity, the actions of educators and their union organisations can effect change!

Please keep us informed of your activities on 8th March and don’t forget to send your reports, links, materials and photos of your activities to equality@ei-ie.org!

Yours sincerely,

Fred van Leeuwen
General Secretary
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Yours sincerely,

Susan Hopgood
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