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DECLARATION

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ACTIVE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION

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At a work session held on 15th October 2018: **"POLICIES, WOMEN AND CLIMATE CHANGE"**, promoted by the Department of Rural Development, the Environment and Local Administration of the Government of Navarra with the collaboration of the Parliament of Navarra, and held at the seat of the Parliament of Navarra in Pamplona, this Declaration was drawn up. It is directed at acknowledging, promoting and giving visibility to the contributions made by women in the area of combating climate change.

As women taking part in this workshop, we are active in politics [regional ministers, members of parliament, senators, mayoresses, councillors] and heads of public sector management [directors-general and managing directors of the Government of Navarra and its public bodies], providing our knowledge to effectively give the necessary drive and the constructive commitment to make it possible to progress as quickly as possible in the fight against climate change. This workshop has resulted in a set of recommendations and commitments to drive climate change-related planning, management and action, and the role played by women. This declaration is directed at those who create and implement the public-government policies, local entities, international organisations, academic personnel, companies and civil society.

For this reason, we, the women participating in this workshop held on 16th October in Baluarte, Pamplona, in our capacity as politicians and public managers, have drawn up this Declaration so that it may be shared and ratified by all those in favour, thereby supporting the work performed at this Workshop.

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PREAMBLE

ACKNOWLEDGING That the greenhouse gas emissions [GGE] caused by human activities are the most likely major cause of global climate change and that the global warming of the planet is clear and requires urgent and unavoidable action-oriented measures.

ACKNOWLEDGING That it is necessary to move decisively towards a smooth transition to social and economic models that are based on the culture of sustainability, where the circular economy is the only viable alternative, an economy that is fair and based on a low-carbon impact.

ACKNOWLEDGING That women and men are facing climate change-related hazards with regard to their health and safety, and also need to deal with new scenarios such as heat waves, flooding, storms and droughts, that could lead to increased morbidity and mortality, with women being the most seriously affected.

ACKNOWLEDGING That women contribute differently to climate change and sustainable development, showing different behaviour with regard to mobility and the use of resources, with less access to the operation and control of the same, and with regard to consumer decisions.

ACKNOWLEDGING That the knowledge and capabilities of women are essential in order to adopt mitigation and adaptation measures, given the fact that they frequently show that they have specific abilities for making a more sustainable use of resources and for meeting needs in situations of crisis.

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ACKNOWLEDGING That gender equality is an essential requirement for sustainable development and the efficient management of climate challenges, and that women, as powerful vectors of change and in conditions of full involvement, can formulate effective strategies to combat the problem and provide adaptation and mitigation solutions. Women also provide experience and practical knowledge in many different sectors [agriculture, water, energy, healthcare, education, etc. in cities, towns and villages].

ACKNOWLEDGING That the eco-feminist movement is a benchmark when addressing climate change from a gender point of view, by establishing the connection between the subordination of women and the destructive exploitation of nature.

POINTING OUT That the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC] establishes the objectives, principles and institutional architecture on which the international action on climate change is based, and that the Paris Agreement of 12th December 2015 provides that the Parties, by adopting measures to address climate change in performance of the Agreement, should take into consideration their respective obligations with regard to human rights and gender equality, among other matters.

POINTING OUT That the Declaration of Cork 2016, with regard to the key role played by rural areas and communities in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals [SDG] of the United Nations [particularly goals 5, 13 and the connection with 6], as well as the conclusions of the 21st session of the Annual Conference of the Parties [COP21] of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC] and that, moreover, the plenary session of the European Parliament of 16th January 2018, approved the "Report on women, gender equality and climate justice".

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POINTING OUT That in Navarra, the Climate Change Road Map - HCCN-KLINA, approved at the Government session of 24th January 2018, is a global tool, based on the coordination of sectoral policies, cooperation between territorial agents and the evolution of Navarra society, committed and responsive to sustainability, mainstreaming the cross-cutting issue of gender equality.

TAKING NOTE With satisfaction, with regard to the iconic initiatives of the UN - Women, the projects of the Global Climate Change Alliance, which create cross-cutting links between gender equality and climate change, as well as the initiatives and activities of numerous women leaders who played a fundamental role in the negotiation of the Paris Agreement and who continue to drive ambitious climate measures in regions, cities, businesses and NGOs throughout the world, and other initiatives such as: "C40 Cities", "In energy, not without women", and Schemes such as "Women 4 Climate", which seeks to empower and inspire the future generation of women leaders.

CONVINCED That equality between women and men, as well as the commitment, action and the visibility of women as professionals and in their private lives, will contribute to ensuring that all citizens and administrations, businesses and all social actors smoothly undertake the necessary transition towards other ways of addressing climate change.

CONVINCED That climate change is an opportunity to demonstrate the strength and contribution of women, thereby using all their potential to drive the transition towards a model that is more egalitarian and more respectful with nature and individuals, particularly with women.

WE DECLARE Our commitment to:

Promoting the development of integrated and interconnected Climate Change mitigation and adaptation policies and actions from a cross-cutting perspective, strengthening the role of women in the vertical and horizontal integration of the said actions and policies, recognising how they interrelate, and their implementation from different areas of activity, including all the issues addressed in the Declaration.

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EMPOWERMENT, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN DECISION-MAKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Recognise and promote the representation of women in the fight against climate change and in the negotiations on the same, providing funding for their education and training, participation and direct action.

Facilitate and support the contact networks between women's organisations and the activities of civil society with regard to the preparation and implementation of policies on climate change. Guarantee the equality of women, as participants and beneficiaries, in consultations, schemes and funding of climate change-related matters that are organised at international, European, national, regional and local levels.

EDUCATION BASED ON A NEW CULTURE OF SUSTAINABILITY

Develop in a cross-cutting way in the curriculum, based on creativity, participation and debate between boys, girls and young people, an awareness and experience of nature, inside and outside the classroom, and of the reality of the causes and effects of climate change in all educational spheres, in which the gender perspective must be integrated, in order to shape future generations that are more active and committed to a democratic society and sustainable future.

STUDIES AND SCHEMES ON PREVENTION AND ATTENTION TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HEALTH, PARTICULARLY FOR WOMEN

Develop Health Schemes, focussed on gender, prevention, adaptation and response to the direct and indirect impact of climate change on health, with particular attention to groups that are specifically vulnerable and to the working population. It will be necessary to address, among other matters, schemes to adapt to the impacts of climate change on health for which evidence exists, as well as behaviour regarding the consumption of food, energy and water, the necessary adaptation of homes, places and working conditions, and the availability of healthcare services.

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LAND USE, INNOVATION, ENERGY & MOBILITY, CONSUMPTION, TOURISM & TRADE, AND FINANCING

WOMEN, AS AGENTS OF CHANGE FOR SUSTAINABLE LAND USE

Ensure and defend the presence of women in the decision-making bodies of the various sectors and in public administrations, guaranteeing a new way of establishing urban and rural land management policies, integrating climate change.

Take action to allow the inhabitants of rural areas to become agents of the change towards sustainable agriculture, and to play a part in the creation of green jobs. Support women in access to land, loans and sustainable agricultural methods, including the protection of the ecosystems, water resources, soil fertility and community building.

Protect those women defending human rights in mining areas and promote a debate on the transition to a post-mining model that is more respectful of the land and its inhabitants.

Emphasise the role of women in R&D&i and promote their leadership in research in the areas of renewable energies and climate change.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABLE, SAFE MOBILITY

Promote an exchange of knowledge with regard to energy efficiency, self-consumption and renewable energies, in communities, entities and businesses in order to help them to adapt to climate change.

Contribute to the selection of a sustainable mobility model that guarantees accessibility to resources and services, the recovery of collective spaces and a higher quality of life.

GUIDANCE ON SUSTAINABLE DECISIONS FOR CONSUMPTION, TOURISM AND TRADE

Provide information and options for the daily decisions on conscious consumption that could affect sustainability, such as the decision to buy local produce, reducing food waste, which - according to research - could reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of consumers by up to 5%.

Promote strategies to drive trade and tourism, incorporating policies and actions that confirm and reinforce the commitment of the sector and that of consumers with the fight against climate change.

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BUDGETS AND GUARANTEED PUBLIC FINANCING FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Guarantee the financing of the adaptation to climate change and the mitigation of its effects in all sectoral policies promoted by the regions and local entities, incorporating performance and monitoring indicators that allow us to assess the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable groups, including the gender approach.

Urge the three financial instruments contemplated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC] - the Green Climate Fund, the Global Environment Facility [GEF] and the Globalisation Adjustment Fund - to release more funding for an investment policy that makes it possible to give visibility to the commitment and to support the action of women in order to address the different problems related thereto.

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PARTICIPATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ADMINISTRATION, TRANSPARENCY

AWARENESS-RAISING AND PARTICIPATION AS THE BASIC WORK TOOLS TO SUPPORT THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Work towards improving the understanding of the link between gender and climate change, to create an awareness of this and to consult women and girls with regard to the matters that affect them.

Insist on participation as key to legitimising the policies, and the voice of women as an essential part of this participation, and to include the gender perspective within the participation of citizens in the policies implemented.

THE ACTION OF WOMEN TO CONCEIVE AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

Acknowledge and give visibility to the historical sustainable practices of women and to promote projects that empower women to organise themselves and to create sustainable projects, making the most of natural resources in order to generate clean energy, facilitating the transition towards a circular economy.

A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN, ONE THAT IS TRANSPARENT, WITH HUMAN RESOURCES THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE AND PROACTIVE WITH REGARD TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE AND TO GENDER EQUALITY POLICIES

Promote the understanding and raise the awareness of administration personnel with regard to climate change-related policies from a gender perspective, focussing on those that particularly affect women, favouring the integration of adaptation and mitigation measures in daily life.

Place emphasis, within the Administration itself, on the balanced representation of women and men, to identify and give visibility to leading women experts in climate change and to stress the principle of gender mainstreaming and the gender perspective.

Facilitate access to information on the policies implemented with regard to climate change, presenting results, achievements and evaluations through information tools of Governments, Parliaments, Local Entities, in which results indicators and gender indicators shall be established..

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HAZARDS AND EMERGENCIES, HOMES, SOCIAL BENEFITS, NATURAL AREAS, RIVERS AND WASTE

RISK PREVENTION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSIVENESS TO DISASTERS

Promote gender-based disaster and risk management plans, supporting the knowledge of civil society on protection before [prevention], during [early alert] and after climate-related disasters, ensuring the participation of women in decision-making, both due to their capacity to create social networks within the communities and to their knowledge of the structures and capacities of their territories, among others.

WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF HOUSING AND SOCIAL BENEFITS

Promote the provision of information and to raise the awareness as to the relationship between climate change and housing characteristics. Promote the training of men and women as agents for the change of habits in the family unit in order to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Promote commitments to acquire sustainable habits also in family units receiving social benefits, that is returned to society in the form of environmental improvements.

PROMOTE THE KEY ROLE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN THE USE AND MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES AND NATURAL SPACES AND RIVERS AND IN THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE

Inform and raise the awareness of the importance and relevance of the sustainable management of natural resources, woods, rivers and seas and the correct management of waste, basic elements to guarantee the standards of living on our planet. Climate change is a threat to all these factors and ecosystems and to humanity while, at the same time, the solutions lie in these very factors and ecosystems. Women can help seek these solutions and it is therefore necessary to consider them as essential agents of change, in order to achieve these goals of sustainability and to drive the circular economy that we are committed to.

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YOUNG PEOPLE, CULTURE, SOCIAL RIGHTS, EMPLOYMENT, UNIVERSITIES

YOUTH AND CREATIVITY TO HELP COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

Promote the exchange and dissemination of creative, successful practices in order to drive the decisive contribution of young people to the fight against climate change, by supporting youth networks and movements in favour of protecting the climate and committed to the incorporation of young women, by organising training and capacity building actions for the new women leaders against climate change.

SOCIAL POLICIES ADAPTED TO THE CLIMATE VULNERABILITY OF DIFFERENT GROUPS

Incorporate measures into the social policies that facilitate the resilience to, and ability to cope with situations of vulnerability in the face of climate change phenomena, including the gender-based approach among others.

Recognise climate change as one of the causes of migration and to contribute, by means of cooperation schemes, to the global compact for safe migration, with measures based on human rights and incorporating gender equality, in a way that is consistent with the needs of the people displaced for this cause.

NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Promote and offer entrepreneurship and employment opportunities for women in areas related to clean energy technologies, circular economy and any other climate change-related areas through the appropriate instruments that best guarantee progress in the mitigation and adaptation goals, promoting a change of economic model.

INVESTIGATION AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE SHARED ACTION AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Promote the incorporation of climate change in University courses, as a cross-cutting subject to be considered in the various faculties; include the gender perspective; encourage collaboration and the exchange of knowledge; make the research findings in this area open to civil society and to public administrations, as well as any solutions that may arise for the more sensitive groups.

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SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS WITH THE PRESENCE OF WOMEN, DEDICATED TO ACTIONS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

WE FORM THE NETWORK OF WOMEN WHO ARE ACTIVE AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE, READY TO FOLLOW UP AND CONTINUE WITH THE GOALS AND INTENTIONS EXPRESSED HEREIN.

We would request the General Directorate of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Navarra, and the Institute of Navarra for Gender Equality to make this Declaration public and to encourage people to support the same and to join the NETWORK OF WOMEN AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE.

Finally, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the Government of Navarra for organising this Workshop on “Women and Climate Change” and to the Parliament of Navarra for being the venue for this event and for the EFFECTIVE COMMITMENT that is the fruit of this work.