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Dear friends of the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers,

After the XXIV Congress and the Ordinary General Assembly that took place in Luanda, from the 23rd to the 25th of May, the time has come to move forward in fulfilling the Federation's mission. We believe in the commitment of each one so that our Organization is increasingly stronger, more active and present in the lives of each woman, each girl and each child who still cannot enjoy their rights and freedoms.

We want and must continue the work started by our predecessors and honor the struggles and all the effort made by the founders of this great Organization. Continuing their work and preparing the new generations of activists so that they can succeed us, because, only then, will it have been worth so much effort from those women.

The Luanda Congress was a success, thanks to the commitment of all, with the courage of my predecessor, Dr. Osvalda Joana, to take the event to Luanda, the first in-person event after the beginning of the pandemic, and the companions of the Angolan Association of Women in Legal Careers who accepted the challenge of organizing the Congress and creating conditions for our Ordinary General Assembly, where new members of the Federation bodies were elected.

The Elections were free, fair and transparent from the beginning. In person or by proxy, we had the opportunity to participate in the process. Those who, for various reasons, could not be present in Luanda not only put their trust in the electoral commission, wisely chaired by Dr. Lúcia Ribeiro, as they delegated their powers. In this way, we exercise democracy, which characterizes us in the Federation, which is why and on behalf of all those elected, I congratulate those involved in the electoral process, as well as in the management that ends from this election.

All of us who were elected in Luanda proposed to continue the work carried out by the Federation to put an end to violence against women, gender, racial, ethnic and religious discrimination, among other evils that grace the world.

It is a banner that needs to be taken up by all of us who fight for the construction of a better world, more socially just and in which all people have equal opportunities for social growth, access to intellectual training and work.

Among the various work goals, upon assuming the direction of the International Federation of Women in Legal Careers, are the consolidation of women's rights and gender equity; defense and valorization of women in all countries, with a strong presence in ECOSOC, UN Women, IACHR, UNICEF, FAO, UNESCO, ILO and UNDP.

The work will be hard, but we can do it in the best way if we are in tune and united.

Our Federation will intensify partnerships for the systematic fight against gender violence.

We will work hard to reduce the rates of female violence, encouraging nations to adopt mechanisms for transforming sexist culture and male domination.

Women need to take the lead in their lives, show that they own their bodies and their wills.

Our intellectual capacity, competence and workforce must be consecrated and valued.

We will be a legitimate channel for the development of work aimed at the formation of global public policies that promote gender equality and combat violence against women, intolerance and discrimination, as well as strengthen assistance to refugee women.

Culture, science and dialogue will be our bases for action.

We will not admit setbacks, remaining vigilant against authoritarian and tyrannical movements.



Our work will be tireless and unshakable. Only in this way will we be able to guarantee the realization of every woman's dream: to be respected and valued, as Simone de Beauvoir taught us very well: "It is through work that women have been reducing the distance that separated her from men, only work can guarantee her concrete independence."

We thank them all for the work they have been developing and we hope they remain strong in national activism.

On behalf of all those elected, thank you very much for your trust, we will do our best not to disappoint our fellow Federation members.

We are aware that we will not win every battle, but I guarantee that we will not fall to our knees asking for mercy. We will remain proud in all difficulties and we will gather our last strength, when necessary, to face the obstacles that society imposes on us.

Our fight continues. Let's fight together!


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