

A large, colorful, abstract graphic in the background of the page. It consists of a central red flower-like shape with multiple layers of petals in shades of red, orange, and yellow. From this center, various lines and dots in colors like blue, green, and purple radiate outwards, creating a network-like or molecular structure. The overall style is modern and artistic.

To: Ms. Kate Gilmore, Chair, IPPF Board of Trustees

Dear Ms. Gilmore,

We hope this message finds you well and in good health. We are writing to inform you of the decision of the IPPF Member Associations of the Western Hemisphere Region (WHR) to resign from the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

As you are aware, all WHR Member Association actively supported, participated, and followed closely the IPPF global reform efforts. We firmly believe in the core principles that were promoted by the reform movement, propelled by our demands for a new IPPF that would be more transparent, well governed and accountable; that created equity in resource allocation worldwide and places the women and girls we serve at the center.

Unfortunately, we regret to realize that the global reforms have not resulted in substantial changes in relation to transparency and accountability at the global level. We see with great concern that the issues, which in May 2019 led to the IPPF/WHR Regional Council's unanimous decision to separate from IPPF, still persist.

Furthermore, the commitments made at the General Assembly in India of not leaving no one behind, [condition upon which we decided to participate in the General Assembly](#), have not been upheld. We continue to see fundamental differences between IPPF guiding principles and the WHR core values. Our perspective is that the promise of change has not been fulfilled. Not to us, and certainly not to the women and girls that we are committed to serve every day, no matter the circumstances or the place where they happen to live.

For the reasons mentioned above, and in accordance with Regulation 9 of the IPPF Act and Regulations, the undersigned Member Associations hereby put forward our resignation from the International Planned Parenthood Federation. The governing

bodies of our Member Associations will be formally communicating our decision directly to IPPF shortly.

The fight for the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls in the Americas and the Caribbean continues. We thank the Federation for its partnership to our network in the Western Hemisphere Region for the last six decades and wish you the best moving forward.

Sincerely,

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