

Guiding Resolutions of GPI - Nigeria

WHEREAS, Human beings, female or male, young or old, poor or rich, privileged or underprivileged, from majority or minority nationality, are capable of thinking and solving problems and whereas, girls must not allow themselves or any society to take decisions or solve their problems for them, and whereas, girls and women must ignore the belief that they cannot succeed because they are female, poor, less edu-

cated/uneducated or less privileged or from minority nationality and whereas, prejudices make people numb and unable to realize their natural potentials and whereas, such excuses prevent the success and leadership spirit of girls and women and reinforce subjugation and injustice;

WHEREAS, girls and women can make and have made a difference in the home and in the community at large, at local, state, and national levels, and whereas, females must not be deterred from playing their roles

effectively in all professions and whereas, it will only become impossible and even too late if you believe the social prejudices, taboos, discriminatory practices and myths about "You are only female", "what do you women want", etc, and whereas, you are not just female, you are human being with all the attributes, qualities, biological structure and functions of human beings whereas, girls and women, poor and minority must be suspicious of those who

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pretend they can solve their problems for them or "help" them and whereas, it is your right, not privilege as human beings to decide what you want and whereas, you have the ability to do so;

WHEREAS, girls and women, the poor and the minority, should not feel responsible for solving all the problems of society while they are deprived, and whereas, they should also not feel excluded from the benefit of science, technology, natural resources and from finding solutions to their poverty and discrimination, and whereas they must detest those who say that they are just female, poor or minority that they should be grateful for survival at starva-

tion level, just dreaming of being alive and whereas girls and women can show how it feels to be hungry and powerless and whereas the ability to dream belongs to all just as the right to the highest possible health status, education and quality of life belongs to all;

WHEREAS, girls and women have the right to decide and shape their future in their best interest, and whereas they should not wait and watch anyone to do it for them and whereas they must be involved in designing their destiny and whereas they are capable and can do it since it is human;
HEREIN-UNDER AND THEREFORE, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that

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as we approach the turn of the century, we proclaim the 21st Century as:

"THE CENTURY FOR HUMAN WELL BEING, SOCIAL JUSTICE, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN EQUALITY."

WE in GPI are resolved to take social action, believing in our capabilities and intellectual capacity to change the future for the better and for us all, female and male.

GIRLS, JOIN GPI FOR YOUR HEALTH AND EMPOWERMENT.

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