RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH AFGHAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND GENDER EQUALITY WORLDWIDE

Whereas, the 32nd LD Democrats have a long history of opposing discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin; and

Whereas, we strongly urge all parties to the conflict and occupation in Afghanistan to respect their obligations under international human rights law and international humanitarian law; and

Whereas, as the US withdraws from their 20-year war and occupation of Afghanistan, we must uphold our responsibility to protect the rights of the women and children of Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the situation for the people of Afghanistan and for people worldwide, particularly regarding the rights and safety of women and the rights and safety of children, requires a reaffirmation of the UN Charter; and

Therefore, the 32nd LD Democrats urge the participation of all States, national human rights institutions, civil society, and other stakeholders worldwide to:

• Reform discriminatory laws and policies which allow gender-based discrimination and bring them in line with the international human rights law;

• Transform discriminatory social norms and harmful gender stereotypes into more equal social structures and power relations or all genders;

• Eliminate gender-based violence;

• Guarantee the enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health and rights by all;

• Protect and expand the civic space of women human rights defenders and feminist movements; and

• Facilitate equal participation of women, men and people of diverse gender identities in civil, political, economic, social and cultural life.

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