



The Arab Declaration to End All Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls

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The member states of the League of Arab States, based on their belief in the divine honour of Man;

And the well-established Arab values that enshrine all human rights and freedoms;

To promote the values of tolerance, solidarity and cooperation among people;

In pursuit of the advancement of the Arab individual to a position worthy of their glorious history;

In consolidation of the values of freedom, dignity, justice, equality, preventing conflicts and violations of human rights, and recognising the central position of women in society, and their equality with men in honour, in light of the justice enshrined in Islamic law and other divine laws, legislation and covenants in favour of women;

Recognising that all persons are equal before the law;

Believing in the right of every Man to a dignified and safe life free from violence;

Emphasising the absolute rejection of all forms of discrimination, racism, violence and terrorism, and the flagrant violation of human rights embodied;

In order to enhance its efforts to build a strong Arab family and to protect its members from all forms of violence and abuse;

Believing in the threats of violence against women and girls and the resulting health, psychological, social and security damages, including violence occurring under occupation, armed conflicts, organised and transnational crime networks and terrorism;

Based on its belief that there is an urgent need to adopt procedures and mechanisms to end violence against women and girls, and to prevent and respond to these phenomena with political and societal will and an explicit legal commitment;



Based on the purposes of the Charter of the League of Arab States, the Arab Charter on Human Rights and the relevant international agreements as ratified by the Arab countries; particularly the Convention on Ending All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979), the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989), the Universal Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women (1993), the Plan of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (1994), and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995); and in line with Security Council resolutions concerned with the protection of women, security and peace, including Resolution No. 1325 of 2000;

To enhance Arab coordination and cooperation to support the efforts of Arab countries to fulfil their obligations under regional and international human rights conventions they ratified, especially within the framework of the League of Arab States and the United Nations and their organisations and specialised agencies;

Realising the importance of involving all concerned parties, including governmental bodies, parliaments, national human rights institutions, national women's bodies, the private sector and relevant civil society organisations, and the media, in working to raise awareness on human rights;

And in pursuit of establishing the foundations of an Arab society free from violence against women and girls, all of whose members enjoy the human dignity enshrined in all divine laws and religions;

Officially issue the Arab Declaration to End All Forms of Violence against Women and Girls and urges its circulation and implementation.

Article 1

For the purposes of this Declaration, the following terms mean:



- Girl: a female under the age of 18.
- Violence against women and girls: All acts of violence at the family and community level that may cause material or moral harm to women and girls, including physical, sexual and psychological violence, or threats to do such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation. This includes, but is not limited to, family, domestic, community and digital violence.

Article 2

This Declaration is a commitment to protect women and girls from all forms of violence and to enhance efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination against them.

Article 3

To work to cement legislative measures and legal procedures to protect women and girls, ensure their access to justice in the event of any violence, and ensure that perpetrators of violent crimes against them do not go unpunished.

Article 4

To commit to adopting and promoting policies of equality between women and men, and to developing effective and comprehensive national programmes and plans of action to empower and protect women, especially during emergencies and armed conflicts and their repercussions, while working to include measures to combat violence against women and girls in national development policies.

Article 5

To boost cooperation among them, and within the framework of the institutions and entities of the League of Arab States, on the widest possible scale, especially through the exchange of best practices on the prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls, protection of victims and assisting them to attain justice and obtain legal assistance.



Article 6

To emphasise the importance of establishing a national database within the appropriate institutional frameworks for cases of violence against women and girls, as a basis for efforts to take measures and policies against all forms of violence against them, in addition to supporting and publishing academic, scientific and societal research in related fields in order to contribute to raising awareness and enhancing education against violence.

Article 7

To emphasise the importance of providing healthcare, psychological and social support and legal assistance to women and girls who are victims of violence, and to establish and supports shelters, care and rehabilitation centres specialised in this field for victims and to help them integrate into society.

Article 8

To emphasise the importance of raising awareness through educational programmes and curricula at all stages of education about the rights of women and girls and their status in society in accordance with human rights principles, in a way that establishes the values and culture of tolerance and mutual respect.

Article 9

To emphasise the importance of supporting and developing media discourse and making use of social media platforms to spread a culture of dialogue, tolerance and rejection of all forms of violence against women and girls.

Article 10

To support the work of civil society organisations that are accredited in member states and work in the field of combating



violence against women and girls, and to enhance cooperation and partnership between them and the concerned official authorities.

Article 11

This Declaration does not prejudice any provisions that may be included in any national legislation in force in any country more facilitative to combating violence against women and girls.