



International Network
of Liberal Women

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“The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”.

It is an honour for me to participate in this session representing the International Network of Liberal Women, which is formed of 14 associations from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

The activities of the International Network of Liberal Women are inspired by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. INLW applies those principles on which the Convention of the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against women is also based.

At the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women on “the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”

International Network of Liberal Women:

1. Reaffirms its commitments with the United Nations Millennium Declaration adopted in 2000 by 189 countries, containing the Millennium Goals to be implemented by 2015, especially to combat HIV/AIDS.
2. Reaffirms its commitments to the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, especially on the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men
3. Recognizes that, although progress has been made by many countries and cultures in the advancement of the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, great inequalities are still persisting in the specific issue of “caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”,

Therefore International Network of Liberal Women calls for:

- Accelerating implementation of previous commitments at national levels by allocating budgets and elaborating action plans of governments to push forward more prevention programmes, more access to treatment, more security of antiretroviral drugs supply
- Adding value and capacity to mainstream the issue of “equal sharing of responsibilities of care giving in the context of HIV/AIDS”
- Protecting and giving visibility to NGO’s to move implementation forward to achieve commitments and objectives
- Giving special attention to information, statistics and data inputs