Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP)

WFWP is a women’s organization that promotes women as an essential ingredient in creating a peaceful global society. The organization is united globally by this vision while addressing the unique issues and barriers in each region on the grassroots level and through high-level events. WFWP aims to create an environment of peace and well-being for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds. WFWP was co-founded by Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in 1992 in the Republic of Korea and quickly expanded to over 100 countries. Only five years later, WFWP was granted General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
Our Vision

Women working together to realize one global family rooted in a culture of sustainable peace.

Our Mission

Empowering women as peacebuilders and leaders in the family to transform the community, nation and world. Empowering women with knowledge, skills and supportive community to discover their unique value and bring lasting peace.

Through education, advocacy, partnership, reconciliation and humanitarian service, WFWPI aims to create an environment of peace and well-being for future generations and people of all races, cultures and religious creeds.
Building upon the successful regional launching of the “Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit 2019” in Palau in December 2019, a High-Level Assembly of First Ladies on the theme, “Building a World of Lasting Peace: A First Ladies Initiative”, a platform for First Ladies to network among themselves and with women leaders of all sectors for the development of innovative projects that focus on strengthening the role of women leaders in global problem solving and peace building. This Session is hosted by the Women’s Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) and First Lady Debbie Remengesau of the Republic of Palau with the support of the Summit’s host, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

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Madame Lieom Anono Loeak, Former First Lady, Marshall Islands
Madame Maria Fernanda Flores Lanzas Aleman, Former First Lady, Nicaragua
Madame Patience Jonathan, Former First Lady, Nigeria
Madame Dra. Emilia Patricia Alfaro de Franco, Former First Lady, Paraguay

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Madame Fionnuala Kenny, Spouse of Former Prime Minister, Ireland
Dr. Celine Guerin, Neuroscientist and trauma therapist, Switzerland
Dr. Svetlana Jovic, Director UN Peacekeeping Mission in Lebanon
Mrs. Laura J. Clarke, Co-Founder, Palau Legacy Project

15:43-15:45 Closing Remarks
Dr. Samia Burton, Spouse of former US Congressman Dan Burton

15:45-15:50 Group Photo
Excellences, First Ladies, distinguished guests and women leaders from throughout the world, ladies and gentlemen!

I am truly humbled to stand before such an impressive gathering. It is a great honor to welcome you to the assembly of the Int. Association of First Ladies for Peace! Thank you for being here for this meaningful gathering. Your presence today is truly and deeply appreciated!

Have you been enjoying the Summit? We had some cold weather, but I think the passion in the Kintex Hall these past few days is making us forget the cold that is outside.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to Korea, the homeland of Father and Mother Moon, and to participate together with you in the World Summit 2020 and the centenary celebration of the life of my father-in-law Dr. Sun Myung Moon.

His lifelong commitment to lasting peace, human dignity and co-prosperity lives on strong in Mother Moon, as evidenced in this monumental gathering that she has so caringly and meticulously prepared.

Since his ascension 8 years ago, with the loving mother’s heart our Mother Moon has led the vast network of “peace” organizations that they created and committed their lives to as well as creating new initiatives, such as the World Summit, and the very moving and inspiring Sun Hak Peace Prize that we all attended this morning. Wasn’t it the very special and very inspiring morning that we had?

Could you please join me perhaps in giving a warm round of applause to our Mother Moon for her great love and for her visionary leadership and for bringing us all together!

As you saw in the video just now was little more than a month ago that some of us met in the beautiful Republic of Palau with the First Lady, Madame Debbie Remengesau, who also graciously and enthusiastically co-hosted our assembly today. There we launched the International Association of First Ladies for Peace in the region of Oceania.

And We learned how profoundly she cares for her nation and her region, and how serious she is in her engagement with youth and in protecting their pristine natural environment. As you saw in the video, we also had the great support of Tommy Remengesau Jr., the President of the Republic of Palau. How does the saying go? Beside every great woman is a great man!

So we are very very grateful for that support
and I really just want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and once again thank Mme. Remengesau for pioneering the way for the establishment of the IAFLP. Thank you so much.

You know during the Summit in Palau Mme. Remengeasau she took us and all the participants out to the ocean. We swam in the waters, danced on the beach, put mud on our faces and ate organic food under the palm trees. It was a magical unforgettable experience that healed our spirits and bonded us together. Your passion, love and warm embracing leadership is truly an inspiration. And perfect example of women leadership that we are all aiming to be.

No doubt each of you here today has been also deeply touched in different ways by the needs in your nations and have created and nurtured special programs and projects to address those needs.

Imagine what change could come about if we could bring together our wealth of knowledge, talent, experience, and resolve to remedy some of the social, environmental and other problems of our time.

The innovative vision to build friendships and a path for cooperation among women who have deep concern and responsibility for the citizens of their nations, beyond politics, race, religion, and worldview came from Mother Moon herself.

As mothers there is an innate tenacity creativity and willpower that accompanies our single-minded concern for our children’s development and their protection.

The goal of the network that we are establishing today is to harness those maternal qualities beyond the family microcosm to work together, as it cannot be done alone, to turn this world of conflict and destruction around to become a world of reconciliation and peace.

The capacity, strength and the drive of women and mothers who are engaged and dedicated to peace and justice is daunting. As we stimulate one another in solidarity toward that goal there is surely no limit to what can be done.

Through the programs of WFWP, over nearly 30 years tens of thousands of girls and women have been provided with opportunities and have been empowered and educated as peacebuilders in their families and local communities, qualifying them as advocates for their issues and priorities in higher institutions and at the United Nations. We would like to offer you our support in the actual work of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace.

I do not want to take too much of the time today, because we have many wonderful speakers waiting. So In closing, I just want to thank again all of you for leaving behind your many other important responsibilities to be here.

I know that Mother Moon holds this initiative very dear to her heart and is eagerly anticipating good news from the deliberations of this assembly and to hear our future plans.

I hope that we can use this time wisely and as we listen to one another we can gain hope and a brighter and clearer vision of how to go forward together knowing how important the voices and commitment of women are to creating a culture of peace.

Once again, Thank you for being with us today and welcome!
Alii! Yeoboseyo!
Dr. Julia Moon,
First Ladies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for joining us. It is my great pleasure to co-host this inaugural session of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace with Dr. Julia Moon and the Women’s Federation for World Peace International, with support from the Universal Peace Federation and the World Summit 2020 Committee.

In December 2019, we gathered together in my home, the Republic of Palau, where we co-hosted the successful inaugural Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit and launched the International Association of First Ladies for Peace in the Asia Pacific region.

We are gathered again today to inaugurate this special session to jumpstart what would become a powerful partnership between First Ladies, visionary women and prominent women leaders who share the same desires and ideals to build a future filled with peace, prosperity and stability.

In Palau, our ancient culture has always recognized and celebrated the important role women play in society. Like my husband mentioned in the short video. Palauan women are blessed to have been raised with this inborn belief and knowledge of their natural inherent value. We share this value. Every woman is ingrained with this value despite of nationality, cultural background and religion.

As we continue to build this new network, let us all be encouraged by the fact that as women, our time is now. We must look into ourselves, draw upon that value, and work together as women traditionally would, to create solutions to challenges that threaten our families are facing, our homes and our nations.

Look around the room and see for yourselves that women hold distinctive positions in society from heads of states of corporations and organizations, decision makers, lawyers, doctors and many more. First Ladies are no different. We, as spouses of decision makers, lead community-based initiatives and projects that compliment and support our husbands’ national priorities. Woman are born with a natural ability to lead, to nurture and care for the community as a whole.

We are uniquely positioned in the community and often work more closely with the grassroots and the most vulnerable members...
of our society – children and the elderly population – fighting for empowerment, social development, equality and a better future for all.

In this new decade, we must step into our roles and lead by example. We must create tangible solutions to support stability and peace in our communities. All of this can be achieved with partnership through this network.

During the First Lady’s Summit in Palau, we spoke we must step into our roles and lead by example. We must create tangible solutions to support stability and peace in our communities. All of this can be achieved with partnership through this network. Again I have to repeat, this can be achieved. So during the Lady’s Summit in Palau, we spoke about practical ways we could learn from one another. We need to take bold actions and create tangible outcomes to address climate change and marine pollution, to ensure access to education and health that will provide peace and stability for our children’s future.

Without a healthy planet, there will be conflict: if there is not enough food and water or even land to go around, people will fight for resources, they be displaced through climate change and loose everything. Peace is only possible if we have a healthy environment in which to live.

As Pacific Islanders we have always lived in harmony with the natural world which has led to peace. We have always have plentiful ways to feed and look after our families and community. Our culture has deep-rooted values of caring for one another and helping each other. Sadly, these values and our way of life is under threat from outside forces that are beyond our control....a culture of over-consumption at the expense of our planet is pervading. And an erosion of our ancient community values of kinship and selflessness has to happen, destroying our peaceful, united way of life.

Pacific Island children are also on the front line of climate change which neither of them or their ancestors have contributed to. Our children will pay the high price for other countries addiction to consumerism, this is having catastrophic impacts on our brothers and sisters in Pacific. In just 30 years children in the Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu will not have a land to call home. And when their land disappears so does their culture.

Just take a moment to think about what it would be like to have no home or your entire country disappear beneath the ocean.... It’s unthinkable.

But this is the fate that our Pacific Island children are facing unless the rest of the world starts taking urgent and immediate action.

So today, I would like to share with you some ways that we in Palau have used our ancestral knowledge and culture of conservation to create real-world solutions to the big environmental issues.

My husband’s government makes decisions guided by this traditional knowledge. Our traditional leaders are his close advisors. In this way, we are able to keep our heritage all its inherent wisdom, front of mind when we make decisions. Like our ancestors, we don’t make decisions based on short term needs or desires but instead we make the sometimes hard and very difficult decisions today to protect the world our children will inherit from us tomorrow. This is not always easy, but it’s what is right to do.

In Palau our children’s inheritance was always the healthy land and ocean that we as parents and grandparents would leave behind for them. Money did not have any equation to. Our guiding principle was always the health and survival of those that would follow us.
This is something that we still do today and it’s the reason why Palau leads the world in so many conservation laws and initiatives: we are not thinking selfishly of what we want now, we are planning for the health of future generations.

To achieve this, we have a set of “tools” that our chiefs and leaders have used for millennia. One of the most useful of these tools is called BUL which I want to share with you today.

The philosophy of BUL (conservation) is a way of life that is first introduced at the dinner table as a child begins to learn about food portions - only take what you need. It is passed down from grandparents through story telling. Our identity as people, as Palauans is weaved deeply with nature – the land and our ocean. BUL is also a type of moratorium that can be declared by our chiefs if the community notices that an animal or plant species is in decline and needs to have time to replenish. When the chief declares BUL on that species the whole community knows that they must not harvest it until the BUL is lifted. So BUL has long been existed before modern laws and policies. So police were not need to enforce this, the community knows that this decision is the law and in the best interests of everyone.

It’s not as simple as letting the land or the ocean to “lie fallow” it’s about making sure the next generation of families, of children, still has the land and the ocean that can sustain them that they can enjoy, to build their future, as they should.

If we are to achieve peace, we need to live in harmony with our land and ocean: we all need to adopt the useful tool of BUL and promote it in our homes and countries.

In Palau we have taken the ancient concept of BUL and interpreted it in modern ways that help us protect the world we live in today.

For example, we were the first nation on earth to declare world’s shark sanctuary: declaring a moratorium on the killing of sharks because we realize their viral importance in a balanced, healthy eco systems.

We were also the first nation on earth to have a nuclear free constitution, something created by the women of Palau. It was very hard, these courageous women faced huge opposition from much larger nations who wanted to test their weapons in our waters. But as women, they knew they were fighting for the very survival of their families and children so they did not give up. How could they give up given what was at stake?

This is a very literal example of how the health of our environment that is inextricably linked to peace on our planet.

We heard former president Tong of Kiribati speak yesterday. So powerful. About the devastating effect of nuclear testing in his own county and in the Marshall Islands. Our women saw what had happened in both countries and refused to let this weapon of mass destruction destroy our environment, our children’s environment and birth rights. So they courageously stood up to collide and refuse to be moved.

And then there was the ultimate interpretation of BUL: the Palau National Marine Sanctuary, declaring 80% of our EEZ (an area the size of France) to be fully-protected a no take zone. The Palau National Marine Sanctuary is the largest percentage of fully-protected marine territory in the world. The remaining 20% of our EEZ is designated for local fishing only meaning that 100% of our waters are closed for commercial fishing. Again, this is BUL in action: allowing us to take only what we need to survive. This was a bold, world-leading move. It was also hard because Palau would lose revenue from commercial fishing in the short term, but because the desperate state of
our oceans, as Palauans we knew that creating
the Palau National Marine Sanctuary was
necessary to protect our own future food
security and help the rest of planet’s marine
recover. We knew we had to lead by example.

We owe every second breath we take to our
precious ocean. It works so hard for us each
day, absorbing carbon and providing us with
oxygen. It is the blue lungs of our world:
providing us with the very air we breathe.
But we don’t treat it like our lungs.... We
pollute it, we attack it, we take from it and
we abuse it to the point where it now can’t
continue to support life on our planet. Our
ocean, is very sick and we need to help it, it
needs to heal if we want our children and
their children to survive and to have peace in
our planet.

Science tells us that we need to fully protect
at least 30% of ocean by 2030 if we are to
start the healing process. At the moment we
are only at 4%.... we need to take urgent
action to address this issue.

The International Union of Conservation of
Nature (IUCN) has declared the resolution 30
x 30 to get governments, businesses and
communities to understanding the need for
protecting 30% of our world’s oceans by
2030.

This is one of the most tangible, practical
things that we as women can come together
and lobby for: we can use the tradition of
BUL together to protect our ocean.

So today I hope that you will take this insight
and go back home and start talking about this
to your communities and leaders. Because if
we come Together, as women we are
unstoppable and we can do this!

Another successful idea that has come from
the concept of BUL is to educate Palau’s
visitors about our culture so that they respect
our natural environment when they are in
Palau.

As a women-led initiative, the Palau Pledge
was designed with a vision to inspire and
encourage visitors to not only help protect
and conserve Palau’s environment, and we
hope that if will also make them consider
how they treat our planet when they return
home for the sake of their children’s future.

The Palau Pledge, the official passport stamp
of Palau, is printed in every visitor’s passport
on entry. Everyone who visits our shores
must make a mandatory promise to the
children of Palau that they will protect and
preserve the natural environment and culture
for the sake of their future. This pledge is
printed in the language of our visitors and
everyone must sign it in their passport before
they are granted entry to our country. It is our
law now.

Collectively, these actions directly impact
not just the children of Palau, but make a
bold statement for the rights of the next
generation, globally.

This “simple” but effective action has started
rippled throughout the world. It has inspired
other nations and destinations such as Hawaii,
New Zealand, Finland and the Philippines to
create similar visitor pledges based on their
own wisdom of conservation. It has become a
global conservation movement that is making
lasting impact on the health of our planet.

The Palau Pledge is effecting real change in
many different communities around the
world. What if we were to apply this same
concept to other issues where we are all
facing now in your own countries and in your
own culture? Imagine if all the decisions
made by our leaders, policy makers, educators
and businesses were guided by a pledge to
the next generation... I believe we would be
one step closer to achieving a world of peace
and security.

As women and as global citizens, we are all
connected. The ocean connects us. Let’s take
this opportunity to build strong relationships and partnerships for our future and for the future of our children.

So I hope that today, you are inspired to use the tool of BUL to help protect the environment for your own children. I feel that we have spoken enough, and now is the time for action. I want to take this session to be a launching path for our organization. Let’s make the International Association of First Ladies for Peace, an organization that doesn’t just speak about change but actually create outcomes.

So following my speech today, we are holding roundtable discussions to create actionable outcomes. I would like to extend a challenge to all the first ladies and all the leading women in this room that are present today. To commit to creating a solid outcome in your own community that can be reported on our next First Ladies Summit. Maybe you will commit to protecting ‘30 x 30’ of our oceans, or maybe you can perhaps create environmental pledge to your community, or you want to protect certain endangered species so that one day your children or your grandchildren will be able to see it and will be able to enjoy it.

So whatever it is, I want you to commit to it today and return with the progress you have made. It does not have to be a giant step, because every journey starts with a single step. And if you all start taking them, we will create a movement that creates changes on a global scale.

So I want to thank everyone for joining this session today. I want to thank Dr. Julia Moon for allowing me to co-host our session today.

I want to leave you with an chant that says, we need to look after what we have today and be mindful of using natural resources because we do not inherit this world from ancestors but we borrow it from our children. So here it goes. After I chant, when I say “Hnnn”, everyone please say “Wee!” as loud as you can. So here it goes.

Thank you.
The President for Women’s Federation for World Peace International Dr. Julia H. Moon, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Omo Yoran Ea Kamie Memag

I bring with me good tidings and the well wishes of my fellow Nauruan’s and express my gratitude for being asked to deliver a special address on the Theme: “Creating a Culture of Peace”.

As I stated in my address at the 1st Lady’s Peace Summit in Palau: - “The role that we play in our individual countries is underscored by the many hats that we all have to wear whether as First Ladies.

In addressing the critical issues of our time and the thematic areas we must first of all ensure that the values by which we hold dear is at all times practiced so that goodwill, integrity and kindness and respect is extended at all times.

I am honored to present on the areas drawing on the question of how can civil society and governments cooperate better for the prosperity of the nation and the world?

The answer to this question is in the form of 3 key headings:-

i. Building People’s Power.
ii. Reversing Institutional Capture
iii. Building a Democratic Economy

Building People Power

The story of Nauru being a country of immense wealth at one point in the world is well known and when our country went through a period of economic abyss in the early 2000’s we lost all our wealth and our assets but at the same time it showed the resilience of my people, living off the land and sea. This in turn fostered a sense of belonging and power within the communities. That sense grows out of relationships, the core of which are the authentic conversations people have as community members. From these conversations come the needs for real transformation. However for the transformation to be real, the knowledge community members bring must be valued rather than relying on the sole opinion of Government. It is the will of the people to have an understanding of community, context of experiences and a sense of history. Real changes must be grounded in all three, with relationship-building at the core. Is this not a foundation of peace?

Realizing democracy requires bridge crossing
within and across communities in order to ensure that the people realize that their voices are heard.

**Reversing Institutional Capture**

A government cannot be seen as democratic if it is not accountable to its people. My island home has 14 districts and the political landscape is such that each district votes in its own candidate. So the will of the people is truly at play in my country and the current government’s motto, “Leave No One Behind” is an example of being accountable to the people. When it comes to governmental transformation the collective imagination needs to be bigger. The recent meeting of Heads of Missions, Heads of Departments, Cabinet Members and Members of Parliament with the theme “Desperate Imagination” took stock of where we are ensuring that we have a future of prosperity and growth for all Nauruan’s.

**Building a Democratic Economy**

Democracy must value people over profits. One of the most important changes that need to happen is the acceptance of government that they serve the public. And as such their role should always have the good of the people at its core. Without a serious, concerted, and holistic effort to address the issues of power and inequality across civil society, government, and the economy, our democracy will never be fully realized.

Which brings me to the core of my address, I reiterate my message at the First Ladies Meeting in Palau “Which says in order for us to be able to peacefully advance each other we must have mutual understanding as equals.

When we look beyond power, wealth, status and influence and apply the universal values of peace and goodwill it becomes a common cause of empowerment and prosperity for our nations.

In Nauru, women are seen as the matriarchs, and peace builders and it is of immense pride that within Government the Women’s Affairs has established itself as the voice for women not only for Nauru but for Micronesia and also the Pacific.

Nauru will be the host of the Micronesian Women’s Conference bringing together the Ministers for Women of the Micronesian Caucus. This is an invaluable opportunity for my country as we not only utilize areas of economic empowerment for women but also actively ensure that the thematic areas of education, health, climate change, patriarchal structures and norms and behaviors are not only discussed but challenged for a better tomorrow for our citizens.

It would be remiss of me at this stage not to pay homage to the revered founder of the Universal Peace Federation Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon in whose honor we gather at this summit. We honor his life, legacy and accomplishments and we gather here with the collective intent of Peace.

I extend my appreciation to the organizers of the Summit for the invitation and wish everyone a safe journey home.

I would like to leave you with this quote Philippians 4:8 “What so ever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good reports, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things’

Tubwa Kor Ouwak
Dr. Julia Moon,
Moon Family,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of our traditional leaders, our First Lady Madam Ginger Kabua, and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, I bid you all a warm welcome and An-nyoung-ha-se-yo.

I would like to join our distinguished speakers and first acknowledge and congratulate first and foremost Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the UPF on this very special occasion. As well as, express my sincerest gratitude to members of the WFWPI; its President, Dr. Julia Moon; and my dear sister and First Lady of Palau, and my dear sister, Madam Debbie Remengesua, for hosting us here today at this First Ladies Assembly.

Gamsahamnida, Sulang.

It seems like it was only yesterday when we had our First Ladies Summit in Palau, and here we are once again, gathered here today with the rest of our sisters, friends, and colleagues from the global community. I am both thrilled to see the continued momentum and honored to be here amongst you all at this landmark occasion.

Your Excellencies and participants,

What started off as a celebration of a new decade seems to have quickly and drastically receded to an even greater state of loss and alarm for our global family, especially in light of the already existing challenges that we face.

We are gripped with the rapid spread and effects of the coronavirus with thousands of lives and families profoundly impacted by this sudden epidemic. In our island homes of the Pacific, we still grapple with measles, dengue fever, and influenza outbreaks to which we have also tragically lost children, citizens, friends and family members.

In the Marshall Islands alone, we are facing what is now a 6-month long state of health emergency due to dengue fever, with nearly 2,200 cases documented at our hospitals. As our leaders and my sisters here from the Pacific have stated, such epidemics at the global, regional, and local levels, will only increase and intensify as impacts of climate change worsen.

Within the past few weeks, we have seen our global community quickly and effectively pull in its resources to tackle the coronavirus epidemic and take every safety measures necessary to prevent it from spreading, or
otherwise ensure that it is completely eradicated. In a similar fashion, we must rally together to increase and expedite our efforts at every level to combat climate change.

We must use opportunities such as we see here at this summit, to learn from one another and be proactive in our responses to each other’s struggles. What resources or examples can we exchange with one another to help build and strengthen our capacity to address the challenges that we face today? What experiences can we share to help instill compassion and empathy amongst ourselves?

When I think of our roles as women and mothers in any given situation, I think of an old, but commonly known Marshallese adage that comes from our long history of traditional Marshallese navigation and connection to our natural environment: Jined Kibed. Jined means “Our Mother”, and Kibed refers to a specific paddle that we use to safely guide our canoe back onto shore so that it does not hit surrounding corals.

In our Marshallese culture, we refer to our women or mothers as the Kibed all the pedals of canoe because they possess the capacity and have the ability to guide our children, families, and communities toward a much safer, more peaceful path. In another sense, we see our mothers or women as a lifeline, because what do we do when we are in the middle of the ocean and a person falls off the boat and needs to be rescued? We extend our paddle and pull them back on the boat. In the same way, when a child falls his mother picks him up. When he experiences tough times, she is there to love and comfort and help pick them up pieces.

As women, we know and understand our own strengths. Let us continue to utilize them to steer conversations in the right direction and to help realize a world for our children and future generations that is peaceful, safe and thriving.

Thank you once again for having me and congratulations to the Universal Peace Federation and partners for a successful World Summit 2020.
Good afternoon ladies and gentleman, women leaders who are gathered here today. Good afternoon Dr. Julia Moon, my little sister Dr. Sun Jin Nim, as she herself told me in Dominican Republic.

Women have participated in the social and political life of Nicaragua since the beginning of this nation, although this participation has usually been veiled and has only become visible on extraordinary occasions. The feminine presence, since it was in terms of social subordination, was noticeable at the basis of the system, but was reduced in smaller institutional spaces and was practically non-existent in the circles where national policy decisions were made. A patriarchal society that reduced their spaces to the private sphere, to the home, where their main functions were to be daughters, mothers and devoted wives, under the guardianship of their fathers and husbands.

The most evident expression of this type of presence comes from the fact that women in Nicaragua, as in much of Latin America, lacked political rights until the middle of this century. Until then, their participation in the history of the Republic could only take place through social actions, at the margin of legal and official representation.

Women’s political participation can be analyzed from two angles: the first refers to the right to elect and be elected under equal conditions with the opposite gender; and the second refers to the right of freely exercise functions for government, with freedom and without suffering threats of discrimination.

Nicaragua’s Women, 52% of the Nicaragua’s population, representing half of their entire population, have moderately modified their demographic characteristics in recent decades. Now it is mostly urban, however continues to show a fairly young age structure and the average number of children born during their fertile lives remains high. It should be noted, however, that the slowdown in Nicaragua’s population growth, as well as its changes in structure, have been accelerated by the political-military conditions of the last five years.

There is a broad international framework for women’s rights protection, the most representative instruments which are the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women “Belem Do Pará” and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women “CEDAW”, seek to create conditions for women’s access to political power exercise under conditions...
of equality of gender and non-discrimination, aiming to reduce and gradually eliminate women missed representation in public spaces and decision-making.

For example, until today only three women could occupy the presidential chair in countries of the Central American region. The first was Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, a Nicaraguan, who occupied the position of president from 1990 to 1997. In 1999 Mireya Elisa Moscoso Rodriguez, won the presidential elections in the Republic of Panama. And finally, Laura Chinchilla came into position, during the period from 2010 to 2014 in the sister Republic of Costa Rica.

In April 2018, Nicaragua woke up the people of Nicaragua especially through the students and the peasants, tired of 12 years of dictatorial government, they took to the streets their claim for respect to their rights.

The civil rebellion that has arisen in Nicaragua has also had a woman’s face. In the trenches, medical posts, demonstrations, negotiations, they have also been present.

And how can we not mention and always remember May 30, 2018, Nicaraguan Mother’s Day, when thousands and thousands of us took to the streets of Managua to claim democracy and freedom. The violent reaction of the government shooting into the crowd caused pain, tears and mourning for 19 Nicaraguan mothers who lost their children that day.

Amaya Coppens, Liseth Dávila, Delmis Portocarrero, Susana López, Marlen Chow, Socorro Corrales, Francisca Mochado, Nelly Roque, Jessica Rivas, doña Coquito, Yaritz Mairena are just some of the hundreds of women who have fought against the brutal repression of Daniel Ortega’s dictatorship. Eleven years of repression and indignation exploded in April 2018, leaving behind at least 325 murdered, more than 700 political prisoners, today there are still more than 60 public prisoners in Nicaragua’s jails, thousands of persecuted, tortured and exiled.

Initiatives like #ElPicoRojoChallenge have also been promoted by women who have been fighting for years against machismo and the regime that now governs the country.

When we talk about women’s political participation, we are talking about the relationships that exist between the gender order and the institutional order in a given society. Institutions - established rules of the game - delimit the opportunities and restrictions that individuals and groups face in their relationship with others in different institutional settings.

Nicaragua has been gradually losing its democratic capacity. The country was stuck in a semi-democracy until 2006 due to the difficulty of creating a high quality democracy, human rights violations, crimes against humanity. From that year onwards it gave way to a competitive authoritarianism. Nicaraguans and women are losing confidence in a totally partisan and fraudulent electoral system.

In Nicaragua before Anastasio Somoza García came into power in 1937, neither liberals nor conservatives were willing to recognize the role of women beyond the private sphere. Although the liberals were more receptive to their demands, the truth is that there is no project interested in the incorporation of women into the public space beyond their participation in the productive spheres.

The feminist movement in Nicaragua marked an important milestone in the transformation of the socio-political role of women, with the militancy and activism of women in various suffragette organizations. In this movement, the figures of Josefa Toledo de Aguerri, Olga Nuñez de Saballos and Alba Rivera de Vallejos de la Costa Caribe are unquestionably paradigmatic, since they led the struggle of
this first wave of feminists based on the demand for a series of basic rights such as education, women’s suffrage and work.

Contrary to what might be thought, the participation of women does not enjoy the scope and effectiveness that could be interpreted due to their numerical presence, given that a dictatorial regime does not modify it or make it democratic. Gender parity loses its meaning when the regime lacks legitimacy of origin, legitimacy of process and legitimacy of results, which is highlighted by the removal of women civil servants according to the degree of closeness to the central power structures. What is the point of having gender equality policies when women are not allowed to express their voices, more or less contributing by giving solutions to problems? Through this I have to recognize that there is progress in my country on individual scales and not collectively.

For the current dictatorial regime, gender equality in state entities is reduced to appointing a woman parallel to those already appointed. It is as if to say if there is a male president or minister, a female president or minister in the same government entity. However, this is not to give women the support they need, this is simply a political tactic that the dictator uses in order to protect all his ministers who are currently being sanctioned by governments like the United States and others.

Meanwhile, non-institutional participation includes activities that are not part of official policymaking channels, and which are aimed at exerting pressure on them, such as demonstrations, individual or collective petitions to public bodies, promotion of the interests of particular groups or social classes.

Therefore, it is that the political participation of women in Nicaragua is distorted and even limited depending on the structures through which they are exercised, from which we can also highlight that there has been a substantial recognition implicit in institutional and non-institutional structures regarding the relevance of their role as necessary decision-makers in the socio-political processes of Nicaragua.

In summary, and with this I conclude, the reality of women’s participation in Nicaragua continues to be a pending task, but it is we ourselves, the women who are in charge of opening spaces on a daily basis.

My friends, the fight for equal rights for the eradication of political violence against women is difficult, and very complex. However, ladies, it is not impossible. Let us work together, united to claim respect. Let us not rest until we can live in a world of freedom, social justice and equal opportunities for all women. Thank you very much!

And before saying goodbye, I want to tell the Moon family, on behalf of my husband Arnoldo Alemán and myself, many congratulations to Mother Moon, to our Mother Moon who is a spiritual guide, a great woman, a leader in many areas, and may we continue for many more years working together as women, united for freedom.

Thank you.
Julia Moon, President, Women’s Federation for World Peace, Current and Former First Ladies, Distinguished ladies and gentlemen

It is my pleasure to be part of the World Summit 2020 organized by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). Let me appreciate Julia Moon, the president, Women’s Federation for World Peace. And I will not forget to appreciate our spiritual leader, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the spiritual leader of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) for her commitment to world peace.

I thank the UPF for inviting me to participate as a Guest of Honour in this summit and for offering me the privilege to share my thoughts on the ideas of Peace, Security and Human Development which are the areas of focus of this conference.

Peace is the ground upon which sustainable development is built. It is the atmosphere which prosperity and other virtues like love and justice and equality can blossom. This is why everybody has to volunteer to promote peace, no matter our role and status in our societies.

It is for this reason that I say that women are critical stakeholders in peacebuilding.

The United Nations Security Council in recognition of the important role women play in sustaining peace around the world adopted resolution 1325 on 31st October 2000. The resolution reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts. The Resolution calls on governments and all actors to increase the participation of women in policy making. It also calls on all parties in a conflict to take special measures to protect women and girls from gender-based violence, particularly rape and other forms of sexual abuse, in situations of armed conflict.

Today, as we gather to discuss on the way forward towards peace, security and human development, I want to re-echo the need for gender equality and justice in all spheres of our society. We cannot achieve sustainable peace and development in the absence of equality and justice, as they are the pathway to a peaceful and prosperous world.

I call on women around the world to stand firm and continue with their task of peace-building in their respective nations no matter the challenges and difficulties they face. Governments and all stakeholders around the world should work towards eliminating all forms of sexual and gender-based violence.

In conclusion, I urge us all to continue to propagate peace and promote justice, everywhere and every day.

Once more, I want to thank Julia Moon, the president, Women’s Federation for World Peace.

Thank you and God bless you all.
Good afternoon, President Julia Moon, Sunjin Moon and her husband, Yeonah Moon, current and former First Ladies, ladies and gentlemen. I want to salute with permission the president of women in Paraguay, Mrs. Rossi, with whom we are working strongly to support women in our country.

In 1910 Emilia Victoria Alfaro was First Lady of Paraguay, married to President Manuel Gondra who was one of the main defenders of diversity and equality, of Human Rights and the opening of Paraguay to foreign peoples, actively militating against discrimination of all kinds.

My mother tells me that my name comes in honor of her because of the kinship we have, but above all, because of the good performance they had in the history of the country that would later surprise me.

Continuing with the history of Paraguay, I would like to recall these dates of February 2 and 3, which we are sharing today at this summit, that Paraguay is commemorating 31 years since the fall of the most bloodthirsty dictatorship that Latin America has ever had and celebrating the arrival of a democracy that we women yearned for, more than anything else.

A time when a woman could study, could work, could exercise her profession, in addition to forming a family, taking care of the husband, the house and the children, and doing everything in a “selfless” manner and without demands, but nevertheless she had a great trap: the law, women and especially married women and mothers, were inferior to the rights of men. The day after February 3, the dictatorship fell, and two years later many women managed to amend this situation with a new civil code, one that gave women, already on paper, airs and graces of freedom, which first allowed the creation of the Secretariat for Women in the early 90s.

In our sweet Guarani language, we use the phrase: “Kuña Guapa” (capable woman) is the term coined between Spanish and Guarani, which defines in Paraguay those women who are capable of overcoming any obstacle. And once again it was so. Although it is still very difficult to be a woman in a country with very macho characteristics, we have overcome many barriers. I am proud of the Paraguayan woman of today and of everyone else ... multifaceted woman, but the current Paraguayan woman assumes a leading role, demonstrating her capacity to lead in different areas and in fields previously occupied only by men. Although there have been significant advances, equality is still an utopia due to discrimination and the high rates of violence against women.

When in 2012 during the government of Federico Franco, my husband, for the first time we had a Woman Minister of National Defense and a Woman Minister of Justice and Labor in Paraguay ...
And history was doing its thing, with the 26th First Lady of the nation, another Emilia Alfaro, fighting for the rights and revindicating women. I have always accompanied Federico’s administration and this time would not be the exception.

Paraguay needed that hand and that heart at the service of those who need it most, we came from a period without a first lady, people rescued and appreciated the value of what it means to have that office open at the service of so much need; and we were able to carry out many actions: among which I can cite projects for the inclusion of people with disabilities, the defense of the rights of the elderly (our grandparents), the protection of the environment, safe food for low-income families, especially with the help of other countries, alone we would not have succeeded.

Not only should exchanges be between culture, music or dance, but also in the economic field to help the development of peoples, and thus peace and solidarity between countries can be found.

I also recall that the importance of the united family and its representativeness for society was a determining factor.

Two important points that drive UPF, one family under God and the relationship with other countries.

Nonetheless, following the index in Latin America with the increase in women’s political participation and their access to positions of power of preponderance I was very happy every time I saw several women occupying presidential positions, such as:

Michelle Bachelet Jeria in Chile (2006-2010 and 2014-2018)


with lights and shadows, on different political lines and ideologies, but I take the liberty of asking under this scenario of women presidents: Who holds the position of First Lady when there is a Woman President? Some left the position vacant and others did give it to their husbands and children. But is it not still a gender issue that the law only considers the name of the First Lady and not another figure?

UN Women identifies four thematic areas prioritized according to the needs identified in my country, and considered strategic for achieving progress and equality for women as follows:

- Leadership and participation. In our country, the female vote was approved only in 1961.

- Economic empowerment of women. Men are better remunerated when they perform the same functions.

- The elimination of violence against women. The rates of femicide are alarming.

- Promotion of international policy frameworks and intergovernmental policy commitments on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

And it is there where I urge that we do not lose spaces or leave vacant ever again “The Role” of the First Lady that does nothing more than to combine the strategic triad of leadership, political power and gender, where it is possible to observe a series of actions that allow to understand the implications and scopes of the role in the exercise of the government and to foment the credibility of the family, social commitment and faith in our beliefs. Our countries and peoples need us.

I thank and congratulate Dr Moon; I also take this opportunity to thank all those who organised the 2020 Summit. And I congratulate Dr. Moon, for her leadership, for her work, for her example; and I always say, if we mothers and wives of politicians often find it hard to decide to stay by the husband’s side, which would have been to decide, Dr. Moon with her children, with her work, but always by the side of Rev. Moon.

Thank you very much, God bless you all.
I am happy to be here. I do think this conference is exceptionally important. I found it fascinating today. I come from Ireland a small island in the West Coast of Europe. We were devastated by poverty and immigration for years and years and years. There are 5 million Irishman on the island of Ireland now but we have 75 million people around the world who claim Irish heritage. So we have an enormous diaspora. Even though it was awful to lose them at the time they were emigrating it creates a whole nation around the world which we really treasure and gives us influence which far exceeds our importance as a tiny little place.

The greatest reason we have progressed was our membership into the European Union. We joined in 1975 and since then with the help of our neighbors we are now contributing to those newcomers to reach their full potential. You can never underestimate the power of people and countries working together.

I found the talks ladies, Dr. Julia, and I should have acknowledged Madam Debbie in particular for this wonderful conference, for the contributions, raising the issues that are so varied and yet so universal. It makes you think sometimes decisions we make in the world and how they affect people who live thousands of miles away and who we know literally nothing about but the ripples roll around the world, and examples of good things that happened will have the same effect and that’s why it is so important, if we exchange ideas, exchange problems that someone has already coped with, that these little ripples are successes in one area can feed into others.

I think also for those of us who are or who have been first ladies it can be very isolating and lonely and you arrive with no experience so to have a network to call out, to encourage you, to share and bring you on, and show you the power you can have, or that you could use if you have to go about, is invaluable. So really thank you all so much for sharing your wisdom and your experience with us. Hopefully together we will all grow and improve and make the world a better place for our children.
Dear First Ladies,
Dear ladies and courageous or lucky gentlemen,

Good afternoon, it is a very great honor for me to be here in front of you today to share my passion about human development and consciousness. I am very very grateful to Women’s Federation for World Peace to Julia Moon and also to Carolyn Handschin, of course, who have invited me to talk.

So today, I would like to talk about something that is very essential when we are trying to bring peace in the world and trying to bring peace in our life. It is love. Love inspires. Love brings people together. And love as a huge power to heal, no matter where we come from and what is our culture. I think the relationship is a beautiful and challenging goal in life. So how to take concrete actions to bring back love in the center of our lives is the question. How to remove the obstacles driven by love in order to establish peace, unity and reconciliation.

So today, I would like to speak about healing our trauma, healing our suffering as the concrete key to live with more love inside and get closer to true love. The first question is where is love? Because in our life, when we are going to confront relationships, when you see competition, domination, jealousy, anger or whatever if we experience this in our life, it could be more or less subtle. Sometimes you even don’t realize that this is violence, but indifference is also form of violence. And every time where there is this kind of violence and suffering in our relationships, it is because there is a lack of love.

So let’s try to understand what is happening when two people are together in the relationship. It could be a couple relationship or any relationship when we encounter somebody for the first time or it is friends of people who are knowing for a long time and we can experience conflict. We can have some ideas about person or feelings that “I don’t know why but I don’t like about this person”. And what is happening is that our heart would like to connect, but there is something that is not possible and bringing us an emotion even if we don’t know where it comes from.

The first step is to be conscious that we are experiencing those emotions because we are not always conscious about our fears, sadness or the reaction that the person will trigger inside. If I take the example of the couples that I am seeing in my consultation in Switzerland. We are talking about of course occidental culture may be a bit different from the Northern culture. But what I hear very often from women is that they feel they are not understood, they feel sometimes alone, they have some fear; it could
be the fear of violence, abandonment. And on the other side, men feel disapproved. After feeling that, whatever they say and do, it is never enough. This brings them to take some distance from their partners. And what I observed is that it is very complimentary patterns which means that one emotion will trigger another emotion in the partner. And again, in the couple relationship, or in the regular relationship, it can happen exactly the same. It is like if we are mirroring the other one.

And what is triggering those emotions inside us, it is actually the trauma. We have to understand that trauma is even that can be defined as and experienced that can put a person or someone close to a person at serious risk of harm or death. And those traumas will leave some ‘scar’ into DNA. This is what we call epigenetics. To say quick word about epigenetics, it does not change your DNA, it just changes the expression of your DNA. It is a small chemical and molecules added to the DNA and will open it. It means that the gene will be accessible or not. It means that the protein will be translated or not. I am working today with a therapy that was developed by the Institute for the Study of Peak States. And in their understanding for the last 30 years, they were observing and studying how those traumas are linked to their emotions where they are going through. And what they figured out is that all our emotions are about trauma.

Actually, the trauma will change the expression of the genes and maybe the blockages in the gene expression, this will lead to the experience of emotions. So what we are doing as therapists, we are going back to the first moment of the trauma because those epigenetics change, those modifications in the chemicals on the genes, they are actually reversible and some of them can be transmitted to the generations. So what we are doing is that we are going all along with the physical emotions, physical feelings of the emotions for example, when you feel it in your throat, or in your chest. And for example, the anger, going back to the talk of conflicts, the anger that you can feel in your stomach. And we are going back with these feelings to the first moment. The first moment could be something that you experienced in your life. It could be a trauma, you know that has happened. But sometimes, it is something that we have absolutely no idea where it is coming from. It could come from previous experience or it could come from even the ancestors.

But the good news is that those chemical modifications are reversible which means that if I was able to go back to the first moment when it has happened, if we bring love and acceptance at that point, then we can reverse and blockage the DNA and gene expression. And it is like magic, we don’t feel the emotions anymore. So now it is exactly what I am studying to show by science that we can really reverse those epigenetic modifications that are caused by the traumas. And that means to bring back more love so actually love is able to heal our trauma. And as much as we heal trauma, then we are experiencing more love in our life because love is the real cure of the heart, but sometimes the trauma we went through or our ancestors went through, it is like closing this ability to connect to a bigger love.

Thank you for your attention.
Good afternoon.

Now after Celine, I really feel love and appreciation to all of you, especially to the Women’s Federation to gather us all and give us the chance to exchange different opinions and ideas on how to have successful initiatives for peace and stability. Listening to you, actually everything I had in my speech you had already mentioned. So I apologize to translators, I will tell my words in a little bit different way, trying to summarize what had been said and talking through my own experience as a peacekeeper, because originally and generally I am a peacekeeper.

I have worked in peacekeeping for 20 years. I work in peacekeeping and conflict resolution. Thank you again for this love, because it is very important, and this with only the emotions, you can protect yourself from the negative vibrations during the negotiation.

So I was over 20 years working with governments and local leaders to find peaceful solutions in different countries of conflict and crisis. So what are the licenses I have learned, and what I would like to share with you.

First of all, setting aside the conflict causes and conflict drivers, it comes down to the qualities of personalities and skills people and individuals pose in power. The positive leadership rising above narrow minded self-centered and short-term interests making decisions for the benefits of their communities are fundamental in creating conditions to resolve the conflicts and set the foundation for finding peaceful solutions.

Another important factor is the involvement of women in the peace process. Because peace negotiators very often overlook the strategy that could reduce conflict or advance stability. That is a fact. And they are proved and you can find it on the UN web page, the percentage of peacekeeping agreements that have been signed by women are much longer been kept then the peace agreements made by men. So now we move from there.

It is worth knowing that in recent years many women have stood against violence and misrepresentation in various forms and have provided the fact of changes possible. It has not been noticed, and that is why we are actually here with you today. We need you to promote core values and to serve as role models to the younger generation. This young generation is aware that they are failed by shortened thinking gained by selfishness, a failed education system that has not prepared them for today’s economic, political, moral and ethical crisis. The necessity of today is to find a solution and facilitate development that needs the present without compromising the ability of future generations.
to meet their needs. This was written in the report in 1987, and I am very glad that Madame from Palau had mentioned it as her policy, and this is something we all can promote and work on.

The younger generation sometimes needs to look for someone who will advocate in their interest. Either these are their parents, mothers, guardians or grandparents? The more women are seen in positions of power and decision making, the more positive, holistic and based-on-empathy decision making will be reached. There are many ways that I can think in how you and your roles can contribute, and coming from the UN side I will talk about the ways that I can see and I can promote since we are under the umbrella of the Women’s Federation, and they are partners of the UN, and they associate with the UN. I think it is an easier way to promote goals and certain initiatives that are already rolling out. And you have all the topics you have mentioned that are actually captured by sustainable goals by the agenda of 2030. So how do we move from there?

We all agree that these SDGs are a holistic approach building on the principle leaving nobody behind and I am glad that it has been mentioned by the First Lady of Nauru. So whether there are priorities of your countries of your communities addressing poverty, hunger, gender inequality, environmental, clean water, etc, all these are in the agenda of the United Nations who is responsible for its implementation in partnership with the national government and the civil society. And who can facilitate that process and linking you with this process, if I can see, if you allow me, the Women’s Federation to be the catalyst facilitator linking in different areas and different regions you have UN offices, UNDP offices and UN resident coordinators’ offices are those in lead in implementing social development goals.

There are those who are working on projects just to give you an idea. First of all, there is an established fund and the SDG fund that already has joint programs in 21 countries of which incorporate overacting teams that you have already mentioned. For example, in Albania, they are dealing with the consequences of the earthquake, they are rebuilding. In Afghanistan they are organizing the education for women outside of Afghanistan to attend the faculty because of the danger of them being and receiving education in their own country. In Yemen, hundreds of schools are getting solar light systems through this fund and hundreds of children for the first time are getting electricity.

So all these initiatives look very complicated but actually when you trickle down to the right channel so its initiatives can be done they become very easy. So we need you to come in partnership with us, I am talking as the UN and with the Women’s Federation so we all can be more effective. Because you all mentioned a partnership, working together, addressing needs and in isolation we can not do that. You and I cannot do it alone. Governments are very often incapable of doing it. But if we try to link all this together and with our power of love, I think we can achieve that.

Thank you.
Madame First Ladies,
Your excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a privilege to be with you here today and to briefly expand on some of the things that the First Lady of Palau spoke to us about earlier. As you might be able to tell, I am not Palauan by birth. Sorry to disappoint you all, but I am Palauan in my heart now and Palauan by adoption. (Thank you ladies.) So I had the distinct honor of living in Palau for several years and whilst that, the ‘tools’ and the things that the First Lady spoke to us earlier, the concept of ‘BUL’, had a profound effect on me and completely transformed the way I now live my life.

So when my husband’s diplomatic posting came to an end, we returned home to Australia. The concept of ‘BUL’ completely transformed, as I said, the way I shopped, the way I ate, the way I lived because I now knew that the actions that I took in my life in much larger countries, had a profound and lasting impact on the children on the Pacific and world. And I now knew having lived in Palau and learned from the Palauan culture that I had the responsibility to the next generation no matter where I lived in this world. So that was a profound impact on me.

Whilst I was living in Palau, the First Lady and I and the team of people came together to form a partnership between people like me, the visitors, and the Palauans. And that partnership came together in the form of the Palau Pledge. And I will read it to you later, but I think the reason that the Palau Pledge has become so popular and has been adopted by so many nations around the world is because it is inherently simple and inherently practical. And so to echo what First Lady said earlier about coming away from here with the practical actionable solutions, these are the things that we can take away and that we can actually go home with an action which is why so many countries have adopted the Palau Pledge already.

So I will just take a moment to talk about some of the things we are doing to farther the work of Palau Pledge in the world. So the First Lady mentioned that the ocean that connects us all that we rely on to sustain our life on the planet is sick and we need to come together to heal it. So in August 2020, Palau is hosting the Seventh Our Ocean Conference. Now, the Our Ocean Conference is a convening of heads of States, heads of leaderships in business and NGOs. And they come together to try to speed up the health and healing of our ocean because we know that the time is running out for our ocean and we need to get practical and actionable outcomes and solutions. And at this conference, the First Lady is hosting a side venue dedicated
to these practical outcomes. And we are going to bring together women, First Ladies like yourselves and leading women from science, politics, education, social enterprise, and business. We are going to bring them together so that they can share their knowledge and use their resources to create actionable outcomes for the health of our ocean. And those outcomes are going to be announced to the children of Palau. We are going to look into the eyes of the next generation and make promises to them about how we are going to heal the ocean. And that is what is going to happen so I hope that you can join us in August at the First Lady’s venue at Our Ocean 2020.

So one of the things that I would like to talk about is that the Palau Pledge is not just a passport stamp, here it is I am going to show you, it is actually the official passport stamp of the nation of Palau. It is not just the passport stamp. It is a way of living and it is a way of educating visitors as I said like myself on how to conserve natural resources. Because before I came to Palau, I am ashamed to admit, I was a consumer. All I did was consume, consume, and consume without thinking about how those values of consumers were impacting children and people all around the world that I have never met.

And so to conclude today, I think when the First Lady said, “we need to take an action in our own countries.” and we will talk a little bit more around the table about the actions we can take. I just would like to leave you with the Palau Pledge and read it to you now. As the First Lady mentioned it, it is stamped in the passport of every visitor who comes to Palau.

And it says, “Children of Palau, I take this pledge as your guest, to preserve and protect your beautiful and unique island home. I vow to tread lightly, act kindly and explore mindfully. I shall not take what is not given. I shall not harm what does not harm me. The only footprints I shall leave are those that will wash away.”

And I hope that today, we can come together and ensure that the only footprints we leave on this planet are the ones that will wash away.

Thank you.
I would like to thank all the wonderful ladies who spoke today. I want to hear more from Dr. Celine about love and trauma. I just want to thank you again for all of your talk and it was really really amazing.

The establishment of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace is the “crème de la crème,” the best of the best, as they say in French. The very best of all the associations for peace that were founded by Mother Moon.

None of this would have been possible without Mother Moon, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace – and her vision, her commitment, her courage and hard work. And also her family, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and her husband, Dr. Julia Moon and the rest of their beautiful family, who are traveling constantly, touring the world, to bring all leaders together for peace. Your dedication and sincerity shows in your efforts.

Thank you.

As you all know, Mother Moon believes in the important role of women leaders in global problem-solving and peace-building – and she is right, as always.

I am really honored to be among such accomplished, beautiful leaders. It’s been a pleasure being with all of you today.

Thank you very much, God bless, and I am looking forward words to hear more from your distinguished ladies.

Thank you.
Thank you very much, Mrs. Selle and all the great work you do.
I see most of you are in the USA, but I know that you are working internationally as well. So wonderful to see so many of you here, Mrs. Handshin and working so many years in the UN and doing great works for WFWP and UPF with her husband.

I am very pleased that I see Dr. Sun Jin Moon here. For many years, she was my direct boss, as chair-woman of UPF Int’l, taught me everything I know. A lot, don’t deny it. Your husband will tell you. And the International President, Julia Moon, you are an inspiration. You always think you are not doing enough but you do. Your perception is at 80 and you do 300 or something. I think that is your way. And always, Dr. Yeon Ah Moon is a quiet but thoughtful, philosophical mind and deep intense mind, but deep rich wisdom that I always respect.

It is great to be here, this is a truly marvelous Summit that we owe so much gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. She is another one, who moves quietly and softly, but with the earth-shaking kind of power. I was thinking the other day, she is like Buddha or something and she goes like this with her little finger. And things shake or something, that image was in my mind.

Just a brief word, I will speak for two more minutes and finish and go back to another session. And our great WFWP leader and the Asia Pacific, we are grateful to Mrs. Dhakal. The Asia Pacific Summit, Debbie Remengesau, the first lady hosted this wonderful, one of the greatest times of my life to be with you in Palau. I love that country and those of us who were there, we got the chance to go out on the water, schnorkeled together, swim together, and dancing together, but we worked too. But it was really, so we will have to have another meeting in Palau. Dr. Sun Jin Moon, you have to come there, it is very precious place.

Just if I may speak view craft organizationally, we are shaping these new family of associations. There are all these existing associations too, and they are blending in a way and we are figuring our way forward. But UPF in many ways is becoming a broader system of the association. And in some ways, the little meaning of federation, where people federate and in federating, it is like you are joining something. And there are issues of sovereignty, of what sovereignty do I surrender in.

The ISCP which was set up as the current/former Head of States and my understanding
from what I have heard from HQ is that the First Ladies Association is really the wing of ISCP and yet linked also to WFWP. So somehow, we are all figuring out how we all work together and hold win-win, win-win, win-win on many levels. And I think we can see from this experience, as we are coming together, capacity will grow, build and the opportunities expand. We definitely need what you bring to the table is essential to the legacy and history of WFWP, the role of women is no longer a question but it is really how to bring more of that into the center of things and into our sessions. We are always falling short on that level, so we do not want to just stay separated couple of institutions, but really integrate, full integration with the occasional meeting like the one in Palau or here. But otherwise, let's integrate! Because in this room, there are parametalians, heads of states, women are not just First Ladies. Women are heads of states, heads of governments, leading figures, religious leaders. And so that is something that we can build and work together.

I just want to say hello and that I am honored to ask to say few words, and I will leave it at that because I know a lot of important work and Dr. Moon will deliver her address as well.

Thank you for allowing me the chance to just speak for a moment. And God bless you, we love you for all the great work you are doing. Thank you.

(And I love that Dr. Yacoobi was recognized at the Sun Hak Peace Prize and she could say a few words to Mother Moon earlier today. It was really beautiful. They really embraced with the mutual love very deep and warm. Thank you.)
Beloved, esteemed, and exemplary women leaders who hold the highest positions around the globe. I am honored to be in the presence of so many wonderful and amazing women, especially, our co-sponsor Madame Debbie Remengesau, the First Lady of Palau, along with all of our amazing current and former First Ladies from all over the globe. Your passion, your sincerity, your beauty, goodness, amazing work, wisdom knowledge, it just overflows with the hope and potential that we will create the world of peace. As well as the WFWPI members, our honored and cherished global sisterhood, thank you for all of your work. as well as the World Summit 2020 hosts, the UPF and our beloved True parents. Thank you all for your support and your valiant attendance here today in spite of all the dangers afflicting our globe.

True heroes are the ones who live for the sake of others, even at the risk of their own lives, I believe I am witnessing in the WS2020, such a revered global team of superheroes, uniting to save the world and realizing peace on earth! I salute you and I bow to all of you and thank you for allowing me to join the pack!

I am also delighted to welcome you all to the International Association of First Ladies for peace (IAFLP) here in the Korean homeland of our benevolent hosts! We are celebrating the centennial birthday of the esteemed, global peace loving visionary the Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. As well as the 77th birthday of my beloved mother, our heavenly super hero, and venerated global peace trail blazer, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. I would like to convey to you their heartfelt best wishes, love and congratulations.

I am deeply inspired by the growth and blossoming into this next glorious chapter for WFWP into our sister branch of IAFLP. We are standing on the proud legacy and shoulders of the 27 year history of WFWP’s chapters around the world. With IAFLP, we are reaching to the highest levels of growth and bringing about a peaceful, balanced, harmonious change for all humankind and creation.

While the IAFLP is an association that is part of the UPF and specifically, the ISCP, and naturally related to WFWP just as Dr. Walsh just said. As many of you know, my parents, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, devoted their lives to promoting a vision of universal peace based on the principle of living for the sake of others. They continuously spoke of creating one family under God, a world in which we all live together as brothers and sisters, members of one global family who share a common origin in God, our Heavenly Parent.

For 52 years and now 8 years after True Father’s
passing, they have been working tirelessly side by side, my father in heaven and my amazing mother on earth and they have devoted and steadfast to their global mission to bring peace to this world! Guided by their vision for peace, universal values, interdependence, and mutual prosperity for all generations to come.

I am deeply honored and proud to serve, with all of you, in supporting and carrying forward my Mother’s foundation, along with my beautiful sister-in-law who used to be in charge and as well as my other sister-in-law, Hoon Sook Nim, who is also currently in charge. So thanks to you, it takes a whole family. Along with opening a new era in which the long awaited shift towards balance and dignity for all womankind and families shall be realized.

Although we all come from different backgrounds, we also have much that we share in common. For example, regardless of our religion, race, status, gender, make or mold, we all strive to find love, create joy, happiness, goodness, positive relationships and give and take partnerships with family, friends, communities, and with creatures large and small. We aspire to live in harmony and beauty with creation. As our beautiful sisters from Island nations have shared. This is our ideal, right?

Actually, the reason we all hope and dream to live a life filled with love, joy, oneness, and peace, is because we inherited that desire from God.

However, although love is the explosive transcending energy that empowers and inspires all of us and creation, can we say that this current world reflects or manifests this original ideal?

Sadly, we understand all too well that the answer is no. Everywhere we look we see that humanity is divided, and the divisions seem to be growing exponentially wider. Sometimes it seems like we are living in a nightmare rather than a peace-loving dream. But sometimes, even if we don’t want to hear the sad truths, we must know them in order to resolve them. So bear with me as I will make you suffer a bit with these truths...

We see inequity, ignorance, corruption, crime, and division tear apart our homes, schools, workplaces, governments, churches, and institutions.

Tragically, we also see how a fractured world that is driven by revenge, hate, fear, greed, and deep-seated historical rage, often fed by unjust persecution, violence, war, and conflict often generates a cycle of violence that spirals out of control.

Walls of nationalisms are swinging to replace global cooperation. We see trade wars and economic instability, sanctions, threats of war, refugee crises, religious intolerance, poverty, mass migration, and endless suffering mounting up, with no peaceful solution in site.

At the same time, we also hear the valiant cries and voices of courageous women speaking out--- Me too and Times up--- taking a stand against domestic violence, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, and inequity against women. And yet, despite all their courageous efforts, globally and domestically, violence and inequity against women remains a sad reality. I am saying this because our panel at the world summit, Jimmy Moraels, said “To get peace, you need to go through number one, suffering”. If we don’t understand the root of our suffering, we can never find the solution, which he said A was love and the last Z was overcoming obstacles. So unless we address and confront and know these issues, finding solutions, and actually overcoming them, will be impossible. So please bear with me with all of these truths.

An even sadder reality is that the abuse is trickling down to the most innocent and helpless children of our world. Kidnapping and human trafficking affects 30 million children a year globally. Abuse of minors by traffickers and agents of organized crime, as well as by clergy, teachers and youth leaders has left an indelible scar on the hearts and souls of our children. Whether you are a man, woman or a child, we observe that true love and
peace are hard to find in this world.

However, it does not end even here! While humanity is at war or abusing one another, humanity is on a path that may lead to irreversibly destroying our planet. The devastating scale of environmental abuse could possibly end all life as we know it. Mother earth, the feminine creation and the sustenance of us all, is being pillaged, polluted, destroyed, and sold out by corruption.

Nothing is more real and factual as what is happening to our Earth, our shared habitat. I bring up the earth because it is our mother, the feminine creation, the womb of all life on this planet, the nourisher, the nurturer, and ultimate giver of life. And what is happening to our Mother earth? Is it being taken care of responsibly? We all know the answer. NO.

God’s creation is being devastated by mass extinction of plant and animal species, future models show that 80% of biodiversity will being wiped out and the earth is drowning in the deluge of historical record breaking 500 years floods due to rise in sea level and mass arctic melt zones. Storms, fires, and plagues of deadly new strains of bacteria and viruses threaten our survival. Globally we face a climate crisis that represents an existential treat for all of us, and for generations to come.

What kind of world have we created when children see no hope for their lives past 2050? What kind of parents are we, if children like Greta Thunberg are globally forgoing their education and going on strike for the future of the planet. At every level of life, we are failing and wiping out all the gifts of God’s Creation that sustain us.

As our planet’s natural resources are sold out to a select few who profit, and the rest of creation is left to die out, the balance of life teeters on a dangerous ledge. We see this happening all around us.

Instead of preserving and living in harmony with our glorious creation we are playing God in labs for profit as true natural health is abandoned and we struggle to pay for health care.

This is interconnected with the world’s economy vacillates as securities are evermore insecure. As the climate crisis causes immense habitat and agricultural loss, starvation and malnutrition, homeslessness and joblessness, desperation and mayhem, protest and unrest, mass migration, refugee crises arise, and political polarization at the domestic and international levels, all threatening past alliances and cooperative interdependence. Divisiveness plagues our communities and affects governments, religions, the media, the academic world and society at large. If Selfishness and grows and an ethics of service to others is in decline, we are in very big trouble.

Peace is so hard to find, as we tirelessly try to hang on to navigate this unraveling thread of our true humanity and purpose in life. So where is the answer? The answer lies in every man, woman, and child.

At the deepest level, there is a crisis of the human heart and conscience. There is a crisis rooted in a failure to understand our true identity.

Our world is deeply divided, and it impacts every sector, including politics, religion, race and ethnicity, gender, the economy, the media, academia and education.

We are at odds globally, tearing apart the very fabric that binds humanity and creation together, and at the very time when we need to unite more than ever. We have lost sight of the only solution to all these divisions. The solution requires that we turn our hearts and minds to God.

We must recover and understand the divine truth that we are all one global family under our Heavenly Parents.

It is only when we come to recognize the depth of God’s reality, and the divine dignity of each person, that we each can become a light, a compass that shows the way out of the chaos that surrounds us, our families and communities.
WFWP was founded to announce the arrival of what my parents termed the “Era of Women,” calling on all women to play a more pivotal role in making peace a reality. After all, just as in any family, a true mother’s nurturing and unconditionally loving heart has the power to heal the deep wounds of humanity that we witness today.

I will save you for the text portion, I won’t read true father’s quote. He said, “Peace is possible, and the world of peace is coming. And women are goin to be the one who do it.” That is in his autobiography. With that is why True Parents have created WFWP to announce the arrival of the era of women, and create a movement of women dedicated to creating a global family. For too long, the voice of women remained in the background and in the shadows. Whatever the causes of this pattern, evidenced in all cultures and civilizations, it is imbalanced, and hence the world is also out of balance.

Indeed, it is precisely as women and men live together in harmony, true love, and equality---in the home, in the workplace, in the centers of political and economic power, and in the places of worship---that we can create a society of true interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal love.

Therefore it is time for the voices of women, the perspectives of women, the wisdom of women, and the capacities of women to be included, welcomed, and encouraged.

If we aspire to peace, we must become the unifiers who lead with the logic of love, forming one global family under God and working together in harmony as brothers and sisters to realize this ideal of peace.

If we are to change and transform a world of selfishness into a world of true love, women must play a leading role.

Much of what is needed today is to have a movement that reflects the heart of true love. Love is the highest consciousness and the attributes of true love are what we are missing in this divided world. We need harmonizers and reconcilers, multitaskers and fearless warriors for good. We need compassion and empathy. We need nurturers and life givers. We need balance and harmony, charity and service, and we need highly skilled female professionals in all fields.

And especially we need women in top levels of our governments to effect substantial change. We also need all educators of the heart, spirit, mind and body for our future generations to prosper. And most important, we need women to know without a doubt, that they are divine and of equal value in God’s eyes. Because, when you know your true divinity, God will work through you and you will transform the world!

Basically, we need Divine, Super Moms and sisters! We need to bridge the historical divide of millennia that has silenced, denigrated, and repressed half of the planet’s children, creating endless gaps and divisions, between men and women, parents and children, right and the left, humanity and creation, and which has obscured our true divine identity as God’s equal sons and daughters.

The world also needs its heart healed. Centuries of injustice and hurt take a toll, on everyone. But, before we can be healers and transformers, we must be healed and transformed ourselves, with forgiveness, love and unity, with and through each other. We must support, serve, and educate our sisters and youth so that they can overcome all past, present, and future obstacles.

Let us stand united to break all old glass ceilings; let us rise and liberate women to their original true ideal, as glorious divine daughters of God. As long as women are seen as lacking in divine value, inequity and abuse always ensue.

We need the complete understanding of God to do this. I did not always realize this point. I grew up in a super religious home, but I didn’t always resonate with religion. My field of study was psychology. But no matter what field I explored,
there was always a limit, another glass ceiling, a ceiling of the heart and soul. When God's love is not part of the equation, the answer is always incomplete. The only umbrella that protects us all as one united peace loving family is the eternal embrace of God’s unconditional true love.

My parents have always taught that God is our divine Father and our divine Mother, and the only way and path for all creation to be born and to live in harmony is knowing the balanced truth about our Heavenly Parent. It was only later through following and attending my parents, that I have seen their example in lifestyle and I understand now their mission of peace and why we are all here in this room. When I asked them why they took such a difficult path, they said that humankind alone, without God, will never achieve peace. They were called to awaken the world to God’s truth and God’s love.

When our founders established WFWP in April 1992, they spoke of the core principles and values we must follow if we are to build a world of lasting peace. In particular, they emphasized the value of true love embodied in the hearts and in the character of mothers, wives, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, and daughters is one of so much uniqueness and so much other half of completeness that if we don’t understand that truth, we are all always going to be half missing in life.

They also asked us not only to think of women’s rights, but exhorted us to serve the rights and welfare of all people and live in harmony with our only Mother Earth. They encouraged us to work to build true families on a foundation of true love centered on God. They called us to educate, mentor and support women leaders and to encourage women all around the world to be initiators of peace by practicing true love and living for the sake of others.

WFWP has accomplished a great deal worldwide, but as I indicated above we still have much work to do. Through the IAFLP our founders have asked us to go one step further toward bringing sustainable peace on earth. This is not something that can be accomplished by one NGO alone.

We need to work on a higher Global scale, networking with like-minded organizations, with governments and NGOs and individual leaders of the world, all working together for peace.

This is the mission of the WFWPI, and as we expand our partnership with UPF, ISCP, and the IAFLP.

So together, let us work to make a more beautiful world of peace. Following the example of our founders, let us all transform this world and move forward, creating a spiritual and cultural revolution of heart, working together, learning together and loving together until we have brought peace to everyone across the globe!

Once again, congratulations! Let’s work together to create a transcendent, glorious, culture of peace, here in our founder’s homeland of Korea and beyond! As my father once stated “The time (is here) when the power of women will save this world!” And Mother Moon would say, you are all divine daughters of our Heavenly Parent’s, so I ask you all now can women “save the world?” Yes! Aju!

I pray that God’s blessings and eternal love be with you and your families! Wishing you all the happiest and the most glorious New Year 2020!

To conclude, I want to share with you the most precious words that exist in every corner of the globe that can bring about world peace, Salanghamnida, I love you and Kamshamnida, thank you!

Namaste
Excellences, distinguished guests, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, ladies and gentlemen, Alii, yeoboseyo and good afternoon,

On behalf of President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., it is my honor and pleasure to join our First Lady Debbie Remengesau and our delegation from the Republic of Palau in extending our warm island greetings to all distinguished guests and members of the Universal Peace Federation in this occasion of the World Summit. And happy centennial celebration Rev. Dr. Moon and happy birthday to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. Without their vision, love, prosperity and working together, we do not if we would be here today. So I would like to thank moon family for bringing us all here together. I am so privileged and so happy to be here and helping part of this process. Since way back, actually Dr. Moon and Moon family, I was here for your father’s funeral with some members from Palau and my colleague region. That was my first time and I really enjoyed being here and observing whole process.

I am so privileged not just because I am here and participating in this summit, but I am so grateful because of what I have heard and I have seen today with all the women; Women who are smart, powerful, caring, loving, self-driven women, there are so many adjectives that I could name for whole day today. And the women around the whole who have given their precious moment and discussion and given us their blessings, and assistance to this first women, hopefully summit in the future.

A little over a month ago, the Republic of Palau, through First Lady Remengesau, co-hosted the successful inaugural Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit with UPF, Women’s Federation for World Peace and civil society organizations. Prominent women and guests from over fifty nations, different backgrounds, cultures and challenges gathered together in our island nation of Palau. Many of those First Ladies and women from around the world whose voices were so powerful at our event in Palau are again gathered here today and I see few of them from the Pacific. And they were there to support the aims of this World Summit and to represent their people and children in a world that needs to hear from them. The Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit in Palau was critical event provided us with the platform to combine our efforts and visions for a peaceful world – a common goal we all mutually share.

It was an event focused on the power and strength of women and how we can work together to effect change. As I shared in the First Ladies Summit in Palau, Asia Pacific women and women around the world,
traditionally held and continue to hold important positions in both public officers and in family life. Women play vital roles in all aspect of our societies, from nurturing our children to taking care of our elderly parents as caretakers, and as champions of many important global causes in the areas of gender equality, health and education, environment and many others. Every single day, women play essential roles to protect, promote and support the rights and needs of women, children, and elderlies populations – the most vulnerable members of our societies. And I did not mention but it should be here, we all know that disabled people and children are just as well the vulnerable people in our communities.

As women we need to use our voices, unique positions and our power in and outside the home to create the world that is peaceful, just and full of freedom with love for all of the people and our precious planet.

As global citizens it is our responsibility to unite our efforts to secure peace and mutual prosperity in our respective regions to promote human development and growth in all aspects of life. We must collaborate, extend cooperation and work in harmony in order to achieve our common goals.

In the Republic of Palau, we enjoy peace and stability living in nature, as nature provides us sustenance and most importantly, our cultural identity. Thus, environmental protection and sustainability are among our nation’s top priorities. We know that without healthy environment, there can be no peace on earth. If our planet is endangered, then so is the human race. Whether we know it or not, we all rely on our nature to survive. It provides the very air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat. If we do not have ready access to these essential resources, the conflict and war will divide us. And this is a real and present threat, as the world continues to evolve, we are faced with new challenges brought on by climate change, conflicts of war, and other global issues that threaten our way of life. As a nation, Palau is working to address these challenges as well as working with governments and partners from organizations, including the UPF, to address them at both regional and international levels.

Many in this room may have never heard of Palau or have had the pleasure of visiting our beautiful nation. We are certainly geographically far from many countries represented here and smaller in terms of population per capita, however, we all share the same desires to live in a peaceful, stable world – a world where all citizens have access to a safe environment to live and succeed.

Let us use this opportunity and this occasion to network, build strong partnerships and solidarity, as we continue to champion good causes in our respective regions for the good of our world.

This special saying, we all know it, ‘Think locally and act globally’. And peace and love, they know no boundaries. I farther echo what our first lady said, we must have commitments. If we need to move forward, commitments must be here too. You must continue to apply and implement them.

Thank you so much.
Kamsahamnida.
Ko meral mesulang.
Good afternoon,
Ladies and Gentlemen
And greetings from Finland.

But first of all, I would like to thank for the possibility to be here and take part in this Summit and say some words.

I would like to congratulate the founding members/mothers of Women’s Federation for World Peace. And also, I want to thank Moon family. Everything what is happening during this week and today is possible because of the Father Moon and the Mother Moon and the family. Thank you very much.

And then I would like to congratulate First Ladies. You could write your name in the history. We women, have shaped the history and shaped the lives of our nations. But women are very seldom named in the history. If you think what has happened in your countries, it is only men’s names. But we have also shaped our nations. That is why it is very important that now we have signed this kind of resolution and it is only the names of women.

May I conclude by saying some words of my home country Finland. Only very few words.

But I want to tell you that Finland has taken the first place in the good country index.

We Finish people are the happiest people in the world and let me tell you why. It is because we have good climate, we have equal and excellent education, but I think one very important issue is that we have gender equality in Finland. We have same possibilities for women and men.

And last words concerning our new government. Our prime minister now, for the third time is a woman. And the majority of the government members are women. Great majority. And they are excellent and I am sure that they will shape the future of Finland better.

And we all who are here, we shape the world better together.

Thank you.
Dear Dr. Sun Jin Moon, President Julia Moon, the First lady of Palau, dear Friends and colleagues,

My name is Dalia Itzik, I am married to Danny Itzik and we both have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. I came here from Jerusalem, the city of peace and I bring you greetings, blessings, prayers, and hopes for a better world.

We have gathered here under the auspices of Mother Moon and it is astonishing me. It’s second time I am here, to see how one woman dedicates, together with her family, all her life seeking for peace and fostering noble values. Just imagine how much love and care must she has in order to dedicate her life and the life of her family to this goal.

Today, we all salute you Mother Moon and wishing you good health and many more fruitful years.

My friends, each of us here, has passed through many obstacles in her career, and therefore I don’t need to tell you how many obstacles we need to overcome in order to reach the positions we are carrying out.

Despite this, and even though we still have a long way to make, I look back through the years and compare my mother’s life with my own life and feel great satisfaction. I truly pray that when my daughter will reach my age and look back, she will be satisfied as much as I do today.

"May the one who creates peace in his high places, bring peace upon us and upon the entire world and say Amen."

H.E. Dalia Itzik
Former President of the State of Israel
Excellencies, Members of the Moon family that are here with us. And sisters from all over the globe Kam na Mauri! Blessings from Kiribati.

Well after all those speakers have spoken, there is not much that I can say. But I congratulate and thank the Universal Peace Federation for bringing us here together today.

The Inauguration of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace, that is one great achievement that we feel that we can work together on.

I have a written script but I don’t think it is appropriate. I think it is better that I speak from our hearts. I am from the smallest island in the middle of South Pacific with the huge ocean. So we call ourselves a huge ocean island.

We can not thank Moon family enough. Father Moon and Mother Moon, for bringing us together and for enlightening us and giving us what we are all fighting for and striving for, peace in this world. And I can not say more, everyone has said what I have written and I wanted to say, but I am so glad to be part of this organization.

Once again, thank you.
President Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon, Prof. Yeon ah Moon, Moon Family, Cochair First Lady Madam Debbie Remengasau, Mr Thomas Walsh, Mrs Angelika Selle, Mrs Caroline Handschin
Your Excellency’s/First Ladies/Former First ladies, Sisters/Ladies and Gentlemen

First of all, I would like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for giving me voice to speak and making my voice strong. Thank you. Just to remind us all, because of her and because of President Moon and Moon family. Thank you.

As a woman, I am proud and humbled to be in the presence of incredible women leaders and a part of a foundation that will ensure more gender-equal and balanced movement to peace.

With the head of the Universal Peace Federation being the Mother of Peace-Dr Hak Ja Han Moon - a woman - it is only right that there should be a greater presence of women in leading roles.

As our esteemed brilliant speakers today have echoed the words of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon-equal representation of women is needed on all grounds! It is needed so that half the population is properly represented so a whole nation can move forward and for true values are passed on to our next generations - So that our daughters will not be intimidated or fear to excel and for our sons to know better and be better than the men before them.

Representation is so important and that was a thematic element in all the speeches today, from Korea, from the Pacific, from Latin America, Nigeria and Africa, Ireland, Lebanon, Switzerland and the USA - women’s representation matters and it is for women to stand up to this but is also for men (and I hope all the men in the room are listening) to realize their privilege and make a seat at the table for women too just as Reverend Sun Myung Moon did when he acknowledged Dr. Hak Ha Han Moon as true mother and equal in his path and work to Universal Peace. Reverend Moon knew that when you teach a man, you teach a man but when you teach a woman, you teach a generation.

As a Pacific woman, I am so proud to see our region represented by my Micronesian sisters. It was so fitting as these remarkable women represent four countries in our region that are based on matriarchal systems where women are the natural born leaders.

This was so greatly reflected in our First Ladies meet for Asia and the pacific in The Republic of Palau last December were led by Madam Debbie Remengasau - women’s leadership was extraordinary, inclusive, and persevering to say
Women’s leadership in the Micronesian islands especially in environmental matters is exemplary and so important in this day and age because as Madam Debbie said and reiterated the success of our peace movements is dependent on a healthy environment to ensure that our peace movements truly flourish.

Thank you again Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, Dr. Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon, Prof. Moon and the Moon Family for the groundbreaking sessions today as well as to our amazing speakers and participants and the little angels.

May we take these lessons to our nations, our homes and our families and instill the seeds of true values of love, respect and inclusivity and equality to begin a better world for our next generation.

And for our strong powerful women: may we know them, may we be them, and may we raise them!

Kam sa ham ni da, Vinaka vakalevu, Thank you so much.
RESOLUTION
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRST LADIES FOR PEACE

As participants in the World Summit 2020 on “Peace, Security and Human Development” in Seoul Korea, from February 2-8, 2020, we affirm the unique and essential role that women leaders are called to play in bringing about a world of lasting peace. We also appreciate and recognize the very significant role that First Ladies have in their countries and within society, as leaders, visionaries, role models and examples to the citizens of the country.

The Universal Peace Federation, in convening World Summit 2020, has established several associations that are developing collaborative networks in several core areas. Among these associations, which are projects of UPF, the flagship among them is the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), an association that brings together current and former heads of state and government to deliberate on the critical issues facing humanity at this time. The ISCP will also include current and former First Ladies.

With this in mind, and as a part of the ISCP, and with the support of the WFP, an initial meeting of the International Association of First Ladies for Peace was convened in December of 2019 in the Republic of Palau, hosted by the First Lady of Palau, Madam Debbie Remengesau. The theme of this high-level meeting of First Ladies in Palau was “Building a World of Lasting Peace: Towards a First Ladies Initiative”.

We all seek a world in which people of all nationalities, races, cultures can discover their uniqueness and value, learn to love and be loved, and live in peace and harmony. Throughout human history, women and mothers have always played a central role in supporting their husbands and nurturing and raising their children to be virtuous citizens. They have also been decisive contributors to reconciliation, peacebuilding, reconstruction and development in the wider society and world.

A woman’s motherly nature, her empathy toward the vulnerable, her preference to work in consensus, her natural bridge-building instinct, her commitment to peace and to defending social justice, and her consideration for the roles of nurturing and healing are but a few of many essential character traits needed to bring harmony and reconciliation in a wounded world.

We applaud with deepest gratitude and respect the leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, and her late husband, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, their vision, sacrifice and example over many decades to create a world that is interdependent, mutually prosperous and based on universally shared values: “One Family Under God.”

Today we propose that women leaders from all national, racial and religious backgrounds and all sectors of society, together with those who have lived the responsibility of First Ladies in their nations unite in solidarity to respond to today’s challenges. The loving and sacrificial leadership of women working together to empower our youth for goodness, to build cohesive communities and, with men, establish models of ethical and balanced leadership to guide them - has never been more critical.

Encouraged by the commitment and compassion of women leaders here present and around the world, a new partnership movement is being launched. This initiative is being led by First Ladies, civil society and the private sector for the sake of providing a life of dignity for all people and a world of lasting peace. On this, the 5th Day of February, the participants of the World Summit 2020 held in Seoul, Korea do unanimously endorse the resolution to establish the International Association of First Ladies for Peace, as a part of the International Summit Council for Peace. We will support the great work of ISCP and will work collaboratively with the other associations that are part of the Universal Peace Federation.

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International Association of First Ladies for Peace Inaugural Assembly

“Building a World of Lasting Peace: A First Ladies’ Initiative”

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Executive Summary

The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) held a successful inaugural world assembly affirming the unique and essential role that women leaders are called to play in bringing about a world of lasting peace. The high-level assembly, “Building a World of Lasting Peace: A First Ladies’ Initiative” was part of the World Summit 2020, and special centenary celebration of the life and work of Dr. Sun Myung Moon. It was held at the KINTEX Centre outside Seoul on February 5, 2020. The Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWPI), hosted the assembly with First Lady Debbie Remengesau, who had convened the Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit in December in Palau, and the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

In its founding Resolution, the IAFLP declared it brings together “women leaders from all national, racial and religious backgrounds and all sectors of society, together with those who have lived the responsibility of First Ladies in their nations, uniting in solidarity to respond to today’s challenges. The loving and sacrificial leadership of women working together to empower our youth for goodness, to build cohesive communities and, with men, establish models of ethical and balanced leadership to guide them has never been more critical.”

Unanimously passed at the conclusion of the assembly, the IAFLP Resolution stands up for the central role that women and mothers have played throughout human history and as “decisive contributors to reconciliation, peacebuilding, reconstruction and development in the wider society and world.” IAFLP proudly takes its place beside the International Summit Council for World Peace (ISCP) and the Summit’s host, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and its core associations, which are dedicated to creating a world that is interdependent, mutually prosperous and based on universally shared values.

Ms. Merly Berlaan, WFWP President in the Philippines invited the current First Ladies to be seated on the stage. Ms. Carolyn Handschin, director of the WFWPI United Nations Office and Emcee, welcomed a room full to capacity with prominent women leaders from every continent, and explained the significance of the assembly.
Opening Remarks were given by Ms. Julia Moon, president of WFWPI and director of the Universal Ballet. Addressing the prestigious gathering, she spoke with warmth of the visionary leadership of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and her husband’s lifelong commitment to peace, as well as the vast network of organizations to which they have dedicated their lives. She thanked Madam Madame Debbie Remengesau, First Lady of Palau for pioneering the First Ladies Association, saying, “Your passion, love, warmth and embracing leadership is an inspiration. IAFLP is an innovative initiative started by Mother Moon to harness the maternal qualities of women to work for peace beyond our families.” She added, “Imagine what change could come about if we could bring together our wealth of knowledge, talent, experience and resolve to remedy some of the social, environmental and other problems of our time”.

In the first panel, “Special Addresses I: Toward a Culture of Peace and Co-Prosperity: The Role of First Ladies”, Madame Debbie Remengesau, first lady of Palau, referred to the December gathering in Palau at which the Asia Pacific First Ladies Summit was launched. “We are gathered again today to inaugurate this special session to jumpstart what would become a powerful partnership between first ladies, visionary women and prominent women leaders who share the same desires and ideals to build a future filled with peace, prosperity and stability. … We must look into ourselves, draw upon that value, and work together as women traditionally would, to create solutions to challenges that threaten our families, our homes and our nations.” She closed her remarks with an ancient Palauan chant, “Ko meral mesulang.”

Madame Ingrid Aingimea, First Lady of Nauru, population 10,000, addressed the audience. She spoke about building people power and the importance of accountability. “The critical issues of our time and the thematic areas we must first of all ensure are the values which we hold dear so that goodwill, integrity and kindness and respect are extended at all times.” Continuing, she explained, “A government cannot be seen as democratic if it is not accountable to its people, and that democracy must value people over profits.” When we look beyond power, wealth, status and influence and apply the universal values of peace and goodwill, it becomes a common cause of empowerment and prosperity for our nations.”

On behalf of First Lady Mme. Ginger Kabua of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mme. Lieom A. Loeak Former First Lady, thanked Mother Moon on this very special occasion. We are currently facing a 6-month health emergency due to dengue fever and we are always confronted with the serious effects of climate change. As now the world is affected by a global pandemic, the COVID-19 virus and coming together to stop it, we must do the same for all issues. “We must use opportunities such as we see at this Summit to learn from one another and be proactive in our responses to each-others struggles.”

Former First lady of Nicaragua, Mme. Maria Fernanda Flores Lanzas’ speech was titled, “The Role of Women in Nicaraguan Politics”. With conviction, she described the inaccessibility to decision-making of women in Latin America until the mid 1900s, expressing that to date, there have only been 3 women heads of state. Global legal frameworks for women’s empowerment, like CEDAW have helped, but progress has been more on an individual scale. Nicaragua’s civil rebellion of 2012 had a women’s face. “Gender equality policies must translate into women’s voices being able to contribute to problem solving”. Let us work together to claim respect and not rest until we live in a world of freedom, justice and opportunities for all women. Thank you to Mother Moon, a spiritual guide and great woman leader!

The next speaker was Mme Patience Jonathan,
former first lady of Nigeria, a country of over 206 million. She explained that “Peace is the ground upon which sustainable development is built. It is the atmosphere in which prosperity and other virtues like love and justice and equality can blossom. This is why everybody has to volunteer to promote peace, no matter our role and status in our societies.” She called for gender equality and justice in all spheres of society. “I call on women around the world to stand firm and continue with their task of peacebuilding in their respective nations, no matter the challenges and difficulties they face,” she said.

The final speech of the first panel was delivered by Dr. Emilia Patricia Alfaro de Franco, former First Lady and a Member of Parliament of Paraguay. With passion, she spoke of the struggle to be recognized and of the historic deep yearning for democracy of the women of Paraguay. Though always being at the side of her husband during his office, she was able to recognize and create opportunities for the vulnerable and disenfranchised -and pursue actions for the promotion and protection of human rights in many areas. At that time, two women ministers were appointed. “Our countries and peoples need us”, she expressed to the First Ladies in attendance. “I urge that we do not leave vacant the role of the First Lady, but work to foment the credibility of the family, social commitment and faith in our beliefs.”

A second panel of the session entitled, “Special Addresses II: “Identifying Successful Initiatives and the Future of IAFLP,” was introduced by Mrs. Handschin as an opportunity to think together about plans, networking and concrete initiatives that could coalesce First Ladies, institutions, civil society and the private sector in the pursuit of cultures of peace.

The first speaker was Madame Fionnuala Kenny, wife of the former prime minister of Ireland, described Ireland as a nation which for many years was devastated by poverty and immigration. “There are 6.2 million Irish people on the island of Ireland now, but we have 75 million people around the world who claim Irish heritage”. Attributing Ireland’s progress and economic growth to its entry into the European Union in 1973, Ireland now works to support new, especially less developed nations. She praised the new first ladies’ association. “For women leaders, particularly for first ladies, who may have little experience in public life, there is great value and importance in a network that can show you the power you can have, or that you can use, to make the world a better place for our children.”

H.E. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, former prime minister of Finland, addressed the lack of progress in women’s participation in decision-making. “Equality in participation and decision-making in society at all levels, from grass-roots to governmental positions, is important,” she said. Despite the many advancements and achievements, the former prime minister said “most of the world’s illiterates are women, and poverty among women is increasing.” She called on civil society and governments to improve these “disturbing signs.”

Dr. Svjetlana Jovic of the Civil Affairs office, UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), who has had more than 20 years’ experience in UN peacekeeping, peacebuilding and conflict resolution, emphasized the involvement of women in the peace process. Dr. Jovic called upon the participants “to promote core values and to serve as role models to younger generations.

…Young people need someone to look up to and someone who will advocate for their interests: parents, mothers, grandparents, guardians. The more women are seen in positions of power and decision-making, the more positive, holistic and based on empathy these decisions will be.”

Dr. Celine Guerin, neuroscientist and trauma
Therapist, Switzerland reminded the audience that the critical element in healing, and living in peace is “love”. All my research and clinical therapy as a neuroscientist is rooted there. The trauma of violence, anger, death, fear, competition is embedded in our cells over generations and will affect our emotions and relationships. Through science, we are able to reverse the epigenetic modifications so that we heal trauma and bring ourselves to be able to receive and give love unencumbered.

Mrs. Laura Clark, Co-founder of the Palau Legacy Project spoke of the effect of the First Lady’s project has had on her daily behavior and her own life work. Through the Palau Pledge, a mandatory stamp in the passport of all visitors, addressed to the children of Palau, thousands become more aware of the effect that they personally have, good or bad, on the natural environment. Reiterating the words of Mrs. Remengesau, she closed by saying that we need to take responsible action in our own countries.

Other attendees included Madame Aman Agbomson Klutse, wife of the former prime minister of Togo; Madame Callista Mutharika, former first lady, Malawi; Madame Graciela Rompani, Álvarez Caldeyro Barcia Foundation, Uruguay; Madame Koila Nailatikau, former first lady, Fiji; Madame Bernadette Tong, former first lady, Kiribati; Madame Sitti Abdallah Mwinyi, former first lady, Tanzania; Madame Flutura Ahmeti, wife of the former prime minister, Albania; Madame Medine Hanku, wife of former president, Albania and: Among the other speakers and attendees were Madame Patricia Marroquín de Argueta, former first lady, Guatemala.

Closing Remarks for the Session were given by Dr. Samia Burton, assistant clinical professor of medicine, George Washington University in the United States, who described the establishment of the IAFLP as “the ‘crème de la crème,’ the best of the best, as they say in French. The very best of all the associations for peace that were founded by Mother Moon.” She thanked Mother Moon for her “vision, commitment, courage and hard work” and praised her family, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and her husband, Dr. In Sup Park, and Dr. Julia Moon of the Universal Ballet.

A short interlude The Little Angels Children’s Folk Ballet of Korea provided delightful cultural entertainment while a light meal was served at each table.

The Inaugural Session of the IAFLP, moderated by Mrs. Angelika Selle, president, WFWP USA, who said, “We can all feel this new association is well off the ground and ready to move to the next level and into action.” Dr. Thomas Walsh, the chair of UPF International, was invited to give congratulatory remarks. He thanked WFWPI and Mrs. Remengesau for the quality of the assembly and explained UPF’s hopes for a strong collaboration in the future. The role of women “is no longer a question...In this room, there are parliamentarians, heads of states, not just First Ladies, but many other leading figures, religious leaders”. We need what women bring to the table and we need to be able to integrate that fully into our work.

Hon. Faustina Rehurer-Marugg, minister of state, Palau, gave opening remarks on behalf of president Tommy Remengesau. We live in peace, and stability with nature which provides our sustenance. If the plant is endangered, so is the human. “Let’s use this opportunity to build strong partnerships and solidarity as we continue to champion our good causes for the good of the whole world.”

Senior Vice-president, WFWP International, Dr. Sun Jin Moon took to the stage to inspire the IAFLP delegation with her vision and call to action. She outlined many of the critical issues facing humanity, but most fundamentally, “At the deepest level, there is a crisis of the human heart and conscience. There is a crisis rooted in a failure to understand our true identity.”
“It is only when we come to recognize the depth of God’s reality, and the divine dignity of each person, that we each can become a light, a compass that shows the way out of the chaos that surrounds us, our families and communities.”

To formally inaugurate the new association, Mrs. Blessie Dhakal, president, WFWP Nepal, read the Resolution for the Establishment of the IAFLP. She quoted, “The loving and sacrificial leadership of women working together to empower our youth for goodness, to build cohesive communities and, with men, establish models of ethical and balanced leadership to guide them has never been more critical.” After a presentation of gifts, congratulatory addresses were offered by distinguished participants.

H.E. Anneli Jäätteenmäki, former Prime Minister, Finland said that she would like to thank the founding members/mothers of the Women’s Federation and all that has been happening here during the Summit, because of Father and Mother Moon and their family. It is very important that we have signed this resolution, wiring our names in history. While women have always shaped the histories of their nations, they are seldom remembered. In Finland our new Prime Minister is a woman, and the majority of our government are women. I am sure that they will shape the future for a better Finland.

H.E. Dalia Itzik, former President, Israel addressed the group, saying. “It is astonishing to me to see how one woman (Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon) dedicates everything, together with her family, after all her life seeking for peace and fostering noble values”. My husband is here with me. “I truly pray that when my daughter reaches my age and looks back, she will be as satisfied as I am today.”

H.E. Sujata Koirala, former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Nepal, praised the IAFLP, which “will be led by women in order to foster maternal instincts such as unconditional love, the willingness to sacrifice, forgiveness and sibling harmony. Mother Moon calls this the ‘Logic of Love.’” The family is the bedrock of society, she said. “When families are strong, stable and nurture children and grandchildren properly, then the society and the nation benefit.”

Mme. Bernadette Meme Tong, former First Lady of the Republic of Kiribati, came to the stage with a written speech but explained that she preferred to speak from the heart. “Coming from the smallest island in the middle of the South Pacific, I see that we are all striving for peace in so many ways. I cannot say more than has already been said, I am just so happy to be a part of this organization”.

Closing remarks were offered by Madame Koila Nailatikau, former first lady of Fiji. “Women’s representation matters, but it is essential for men, (and I hope all the men in the room are listening), to realise their privilege and make a seat at the table for women, just as Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon did when he acknowledged Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon as True Mother, as his equal in their path and work towards universal peace. Reverend Moon knew that when you teach a man, you teach a man, but when you teach a woman, you teach a generation. May we take these lessons to our nations, our homes, our families and instil the seeds of love, respect, inclusivity, and equality to begin a better world for our next generation. And for our strong powerful women: may we know them, may we be them, and may we raise them!”

The session concluded with all 18 former and current first ladies in attendance, alongside WFWP International President Julia Moon, Dr. Sun Jin Moon and Professor Yeon Ah Moon, chair of UPF-Korea, signing the resolution of commitment to work together for peace and to address the international cultural and social issues of the day. Support
for the new IAFLP partnership was further confirmed in the resounding closing applause of all women leaders present.

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Dr. Julia H. Moon, International President of WFWP and Dr. Sun Jin Moon, International Senior Vice President of WFWP present gifts to all the current and former First Ladies

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Former President, State of Israel

Mme. Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau
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Secretary General of the WFWP Asia, Mrs. Merly Christina Barlaan presenting Opening Announcement and Introduction of Moderator by In-house Master of Ceremony

President of the WFWP-Nepal, Mrs. Blessie Dhakal reads the Resolution for the Establishment of IAFLP

The participants and the panelists during the High-Level Assembly of the IAFLP
The entertainment of ‘Jinsoe Festival’ prepared by the Little Angels brought smiles to the participants during the Inaugural Session of the IAFLP

WFWP Korea delegates with First Lady Debbie Remengesau and Dr. Julia Moon

First Lady Debbie Remengesau and Dr. Julia Moon welcome the participants with the Little Angels

First Lady Debbie Remengesau and Dr. Julia Moon with international leaders

The participants take group photo with First Lady Debbie Remengesau and Dr. Julia Moon
Director of the WFWPI United Nations Office, Mrs. Carolyn Handschin as the in-house emcee during the High-Level Assembly of the IAFLP

First Lady Debbie Remengesau and Dr. Julia Moon lead the signing of the Resolution of IAFLP

Dr. Sun Jin Moon and Prof. Yeon Ah Moon sign the Resolution of IAFLP

Former First Lady Flutura Ahmeti and First Lady Ingrid Jacinta Aingimea sign the Resolution of IAFLP

Former First Lady Bernadette Meme Tong and Former First Lady Adi Koila Mara Nailatikau sign the Resolution of IAFLP

Former First Lady Callista Jennie Mutharika signs the Resolution of IAFLP

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