

CONSTITUTION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS - MANITOBA INC.

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PREAMBLE

The Institute for International Women's Rights – Manitoba Inc. is a non-profit organization which was established in the Province of Manitoba, Canada, in February 2013 as a non-sectarian and non-partisan organization, with diverse membership, working towards a world with respect for the dignity and human rights of women and girls.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be called the Institute for International Women's Rights – Manitoba, Inc., hereinafter called IIWR-MB.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT, POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

Section 1: Object

- (i) to bring together groups of women, and of women and men, to work towards the improving human rights for women and girls through:
- developing strategic actions to support women's human rights, based on research and analysis of issues;
 - providing public education through information sharing among members and their respective networks to support education, economic, social, legal and health opportunities and to increase respect for and implementation of the human rights of women locally and globally;
 - providing information to IIWR-MB members and the general public on current human rights issues as they affect women and girls;
 - recommending and advocating for change in government laws, regulations and administrative processes aimed to improve the protection of women's and girl's human rights;
 - consulting and cooperating with other groups in developing and advancing common policies and objectives that will promote women's and girl's human rights, in particular organizations dedicated to promoting women's human rights, global women's health, women's peace and security in conflict zones and post conflict reconstruction areas;
 - raising funds that support the realization of women's and girl's human rights.
- (ii) to participate with the work of other agencies and organizations, and in particular, those of the United Nations, to improve the quality of life of women and girls throughout the world and respect for their human rights.

Section 2: Policy

IIWR-MB policy shall be established through a membership approval process.

Section 3: Principles

- (i) No organization entering into membership with IIWR-MB shall thereby lose its independence, aims or methods of operation; or be committed to the principles of any member Organization of IIWR-MB.

(ii) In all its decisions, IIWR-MB shall safeguard the principles of democracy.

ARTICLE III - AMENDMENTS

The IIWR-MB Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the membership at a meeting of Members, in accordance with the by-laws of the Organization.