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Gender Equality – A condition for success of the Arab Spring

The Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

1. **being** aware that the Arab Spring, in which women took part and played a major role, was at its core a social-political movement led by young people unable to realise their full potential, lacking job opportunities and freedom;
2. **being** aware that the current situation presents opportunities as well as risks of regression, particularly in the field of women's rights;
3. **supports** those women and men who defend Human Rights as universal and rejects any infringements on these rights;
4. **refers** to the Recommendation [[CONF/PLE\(2012\)REC4](#)] and the Resolution [[CONF/PLE\(2012\)RES2](#)] of the Conference of INGOs "Gender Perspectives in political and democratic processes in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region" adopted on 27 January 2012 in which the International community was urged to listen to women and women's organisations and support their demands and priorities;
5. **has taken note** of the report "Women and the Arab Spring: Taking their place?" by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), March 2012

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6. **decides** to sign the appeal calling on national governments and parliaments to implement the "20 measures for equality" contained in this FIDH report.