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**TIAW GLOBAL FORUM 2014 CALL TO ACTION TO UNITED NATIONS:
2015 AND BEYOND DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The International Alliance for Women represents more than 20,000 women worldwide from all sectors. The 2014 TIAW Global Forum for Women was held in Washington D.C., March 26 through March 28, 2014, and brought together women representing 26 countries to discuss the theme, 'Empowering Women: Advancing Economic Growth'. Over the two days, participants examined such diverse but integrated issues as advancing women through higher visibility and participation in entrepreneurship, corporate advancement, appointments to boards of directors, involvement in politics and government and the threats to peace and security.

Everyone should recognize that there exists substantial, irrefutable proof and research confirming that when women are educated and actively engaged in the economy and when that participation is recognized and accounted for, everyone benefits: families, villages, economies, and society, in all countries. TIAW therefore calls upon members of the United Nations now negotiating the goals for 2015 and beyond to act upon recommendations and research to ensure that action is immediately agreed upon with targets and timelines. TIAW recommends that promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women, including their access to financing and markets, is an important development goal that needs to be incorporated into the post 2015 agenda as a **stand-alone goal** as it is integral to the success of all other development goals.

TIAW commits to supporting the United Nations 2015 and Beyond initiatives and offers itself as a valuable and global source of expertise and resources to assist in implementing activities that advance the economic empowerment of women and their contributions to peace and security.

On behalf of all the members of TIAW,

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