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The Latin American Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology Societies (FLASOG), within the framework of the II Summit on Contraception and Sexual and Reproductive Rights, held in Panama City from August 25 to 27, 2022, convened a workshop to define the scope of a project endorsed by FIGO on "Clarification of values in Sexual and Reproductive Health in Latin America with emphasis on vulnerable countries", which seeks to strengthen leaders of the 19 Societies affiliated to FLASOG to achieve a greater commitment in the defense of all Human Rights Sexual and Reproductive Rights of women as an inseparable part of Human Rights, considering that the progress observed in the Region is far from what was expected and that the COVID 19 pandemic caused a marked setback, with women being the group most affected post-pandemic.

*For this reason, we consider of utmost importance the protection **of the right to a satisfactory sexual life free of violence and the risk of acquiring illness or unwanted pregnancy**, the right to motherhood without unnecessary risks of illness and death, the right to freely decide on fertility and the right to interrupt pregnancy in cases permitted by the legislation of each country.*

For this purpose, a group of colleagues with great experience and recognition in the subject was convened, the Presidents of the 19 affiliated Societies, Members of the Executive Committee of FLASOG, the FIGO Regional Trustee for Latin America, the Director of the Division of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Welfare of FIGO and Representatives of International Cooperation Agencies with projects related to the subject, who agreed to prepare this declaration as a testimony of the formation of an alliance that will seek to strengthen the commitment embodied in the "Declaration of Santa Cruz de la Sierra", in the year 2002 and which commits the member Societies to the following necessary actions to achieve these objectives:



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- *That each Society and Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics establish or strengthen the Committees on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, with the participation of other disciplines that promote the exercise of these rights.*
- *That each Society and Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics promote the inclusion of young colleagues to provide continuity, follow-up and ensure compliance with these recommendations.*
- *Act directly with gynecologists-obstetricians, particularly professors, heads of gynecology and obstetrics services, directors of maternity hospitals, or in executive positions in public or private organizations, to promote their participation in training workshops. clarification of values that enrich their training process, tending to guarantee the implementation of services that respond to the needs of promotion, protection and application of the Sexual and Reproductive Rights of women.*
- *Include in continuing education activities, promoted by the Gynecology and Obstetrics Societies of each country, topics related to the Sexual and Reproductive Rights of women.*
- *Summon professors from Faculties/Schools of Medicine and Training Schools for health professionals and related sciences, to include content in their curricula that responds to the needs of women for the free exercise of their sexual and reproductive rights. These contents must include concepts of gender and human rights, respect for diversity, avoiding the imposition of personal values on women's rights.*
- *Ensure that the Obstetrics and Gynecology Societies, together with the governmental Health authorities, write and implement Norms that define the procedures that ensure the existence of technical services and supplies in the public sector, that allow the protection and promotion of sexual and reproductive rights.*
- *Establish alliances with public and private institutions and national and international non-governmental organizations, also concerned with this problem, in order to enhance the effect of their actions.*
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- Serve as a source of information for the mass media, for the dissemination of scientifically correct information regarding the sexual and reproductive rights of women.

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