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WUCWO 2023 General Assembly Final Declaration

Today marks the end of the General Assembly of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) in Assisi, Italy, under the theme "Women of WUCWO, artisans of human fraternity for world peace".

Previously, on 13 May, WUCWO day, Pope Francis received all the participants together with their families and friends in a General Audience. It was a moment of great joy for us because with his words he encouraged us " to live – like Mary – the fullness of being women with the awareness of feeling chosen and agents in God's salvific work. " and he asked us to listen to the cries of our world and the voice of the Spirit to discover his will.

832 women from 67 WUCWO member organisations and 38 countries from all continents participated in the General Assembly.

During these days we have shared our experiences, our worries and difficulties, our hopes and desires, as well as the challenges we face on a daily basis, through different presentations, work by language and dialogue by regions. United in the daily Eucharist, we have placed everything we have experienced in the hands of the Father.

After a community discernment, we have approved the resolutions that will guide us in the next four years, with the desire in our hearts that all that has been said these days does not remain on paper only and that we continue to take steps to promote the dignity and participation of women in every corner of the world.

The resolutions adopted are:

1. WUCWO will consolidate, develop and expand the World Women's Observatory.
2. Religious freedom: the basis for the path of fraternity and peace (FT 279).
3. Global food crisis. Care for our common home. Call for ecological conversion.
4. Let us set out with renewed conviction on the joyful path of family love, motherhood and fatherhood.
5. Building the future with migrants and refugees.
6. " Enabling everyone to participate is an essential ecclesial duty! " (Pope Francis): Synodality. Formation and participation of women.

We ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to chart, together, paths that will help transform our world according to Gospel values and to renew our missionary zeal to proclaim Jesus Christ to everyone we meet.

And may Mary, our Mother, sustain and encourage us in each of our tasks to continue to be artisans of human fraternity and world peace.