

Europe/ France**Women agree to work together...**

This is a copy of the resolution signed by several women delegates to the WFF meeting in Loctudy, France, on 6 October 2000, after the creation of two forums: the World Forum of Fisher Peoples (WFFP) which brings together fishworker organizations mainly from Asia, Africa and Oceania, and the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) which groups organizations from the Americas and from Europe.

This resolution was signed by women representatives from India, USA, Guinea Conakry, Panama, Bangladesh, Senegal and France among others.

According to the objectives of the World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Workers (WFF) established in New Delhi in India in 1997, the WFF will: Recognise, protect and enhance the role of women in the fishing economy and in the sustenance of the community.' (Objective No 3).

This objective resulted in the parity of delegations from the 32 participant countries. Women from different countries contributed an additional dimension to the debates this week, a community dimension, by putting forward such issues as:

- citizenship, representation and the participation of women in professional organizations;
- sustainable development of resources;
- improving working conditions and valorization of skills;
- improving access to credit;
- improving access to education and health;
- sustaining organizations;

Given the richness of the debate and the contacts made during the week, the women from coastal communities around the world agree to work together with the objective of *protecting their way of life, defending and improving the situation in coastal fishing communities through ensuring the sustainable social, cultural, environmental and economic development of coastal communities.*

(WOMEN SHAKING HANDS ACROSS A
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