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GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY CAMPAIGN TO END CHILD, EARLY AND FORCED MARRIAGE
(CAMPAIGN ON CEFM)

Resolution on Child, Early & Forced Marriage

Dodoma, Tanzania

Guided by international human rights treaties such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, as well as other relevant human rights instruments;

Deeply concerned that the practice of child, early and forced marriage has a high prevalence rate in Tanzania, with four in 10 Tanzanian girls married before the age of 18;

Recognizing that child, early and forced marriage constitutes a violation of human rights, poses a serious threat to multiple aspects of the physical and psychological health of women and girls, is itself a barrier to sustainable development, and helps to perpetuate the cycle of poverty;

Mindful of our responsibilities as Parliamentarians to represent, protect and empower, to the best of our abilities, every individual in our country;

We, participating Members of Parliament in PGA's meeting in this *Capacity-building Session on Child, Early and Forced Marriage* held on 21 June 2015 in the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania commit to undertake the following actions that will be reported back during the second segment of this capacity building exercise in February 2016:

1. As leaders, use our platform and visibility in our constituencies and with our colleagues in Parliament to spread awareness of the value of the girl child and the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage in our community.
2. Develop and implement national strategies and action plans that empower girls, mobilize families and communities as agents of change, provide adequate services (particularly health, education and justice services), and provide an enabling legal and policy framework that effectively addresses child, early and forced marriage in Tanzania.
3. Incorporate the issue of child, early and forced marriages into our own election manifesto as one of the main issues to tackle in our agenda.
4. Work in partnership with civil society, private sector and the media, as well as engage in and encourage public dialogue with religious and traditional leaders to coordinate actions to raise awareness about root causes and consequences of child, early and forced marriage.
5. Call for a robust target on child, early and forced marriage under Goal 5 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by *signing, circulating and endorsing* PGA's Global Parliamentary Declaration to End Child, Early & Forced Marriage. Once the SDGs are adopted at the UN Summit in late September 2015, work on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goal agenda, with an emphasis on achieving gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls.

Done this 21st day of June 2015 in Dodoma, Tanzania