The dramatic reality of this whole situation of exclusion and inequality, with its evident effects, has led me, in union with the entire Christian people and many others, to take stock of my grave responsibility in this regard and to speak out, together with all those who are seeking urgently-needed and effective solutions.

- Address of the Holy Father at the UN, 25 September 2015 -
International

WUCWO brings together Catholic organisations worldwide, represented by women, at the international level through:

**CONSULTATIVE STATUS**
United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York

Human Rights Council in Geneva

Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) in Rome

**PARTICIPATORY STATUS**
Council of Europe in Strasbourg

**OFFICIAL PARTNER**
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Paris

WUCWO’s International Representatives attend sessions of these important international bodies giving our presence and voice to the member organisations at grass-roots level.

WUCWO promotes human dignity and human rights through side events and declarations in close relationship with the Holy See Missions. WUCWO networks with other organisations and is part of the International Forum of Catholic-inspired NGOs, co-facilitating its work in the Family sector.

Resolutions 2018 - 2022

**A HEALTHY PLANET DEPENDS ON ALL OF US**
In the face of the plastic waste crisis that is flooding our oceans and landfills, WUCWO and its member organisations and international representatives promote the protection and respect for the environment and the sustainable use of natural resources.

**LET US TAKE CARE OF THE FAMILY IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, ESPECIALLY ITS MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS**
WUCWO networks to promote and advocate public policies and legislation regarding forced migration and respect for human dignity. It also promotes the care of the most vulnerable members of the family, defending life and protecting minors from abuse. WUCWO leads campaigns to grow awareness of responsible sexuality and the proper use of new information technologies.

**LET US ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
WUCWO promotes education in the integral formation of men and women in the recognition and respect for their equal and complementary dignity. It intervenes in the prevention of modern forms of slavery and in the care for victims in families, in schools, in parishes, etc., as well as in the media, local authorities, and related organisations, whether denominational or not.

**LET US EDUCATE TO RESPOND TO THE CALL TO HOLINESS**
WUCWO encourages its organisations to live a spirituality of holiness. WUCWO promotes the formation of all persons, especially young people, in the human, spiritual, religious, doctrinal, apostolic and professional fields. It also encourages the participation in politics of women with true Christian values, so as to generate healthy government policies for the good of citizens, especially the poorest ones.

About WUCWO

1910 The World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations is founded.

2006 WUCWO is erected by the Holy See as a Public International Association of the Faithful.

WUCWO’s aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, so that they can fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for integral human development.