RESOLUTIONS OF THE 34TH CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS (FIDA) LAGOS, NIGERIA, 25 NOVEMBER 2011

THEME: WOMEN THROUGH THE AGES AND SUSTAINABLE EMPOWERMENT IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011, that given the reform of the United Nations and, in particular, the consolidation and restricting of all L N entities concerning women's human rights which took effect earlier this year in 2011, FIDA through its membership support the work of the new UN entity known as UN Women, relating to advancing the status of women.

it is further resolved in this 25th day of november 2011, that FIDA support the work of the CEDAW Committee of Experts and through its membership monitor the implementation of the concluding comments and observations of the CEDAW Committee. Where practical, FIDA chapters and members should advance universal ratification and the promotion of the CEDAW Convention and the Optional Protocol as well as the promotion of the work of the CEDAW Committee.

IT IS ALSO HEREBY RESOLVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011, that FIDA through its membership monitor and identify best practices of good governance in both the corporate and political sectors as it relates to accountability, transparency, integrity, fairness and diversity. This includes working on anti-corruption legislation as well as providing for enforcement through legal remedies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011, that FIDA through its membership monitor and identify best practices in the political, public, private and corporate sectors relating to the percentages of women in positions of power and leadership, including their service on corporate and government advisory boards. This also includes the hiring, promotion and retention of diverse female candidates who shall hold at a minimum 35% of all posts, particularly at the highest level, within all sectors.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011, that FIDA through its membership advance the rights of women and their children in situations of war and armed conflict. This necessarily includes safeguarding the rights of refugees and those internally displaced.

AND FINALLY BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED ON THIS 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011 THAT AMBASSADOR ADUKE ALAKIJA BE APPOINTED AN HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT OF FIDA IN RECOGNITION OF HER INTRODUCTION OF FIDA TO NIGERIA AND FOR BEING THE FIRST NIGERIAN TO BE PRESIDENT. DATED IN LAGOS THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.