

## **Manifesto for the right to quality education for ALL women and girls**

*Because the deadline of 2015 for the completion of the Recommendations of the Education for All and Millennium Development Goals is getting closer,*

*Because today, of the 67 million children who do not attend primary school in the world, 53% are girls,*

*Because today, of the 796 million illiterate adults in the world, 64% are women,*

*Because with the crisis, women and girls are often the first to be excluded from education,*

*Because parity in schools is not synonymous with equality and because many girls in the world and in France, remain excluded from some studies and from access to some jobs and professions considered as male,*

*Because investing in women and girls education is a protection for their health and that of their children, and because girls whose mothers were educated are better protected against female mutilation and excision,*

*Because investing in women and girls education also gives them the opportunity to improve their incomes and thereby contributing to durable economic and social development of their country,*

*Because education is a fundamental human right, essential for democracy,*

*Because women and girls who are educated today will be more free tomorrow...*

### **WE CALL GOVERNMENTS AND ALL THE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTORS TO:**

- Consider their commitments to Education for All women and men, made in Jomtien in 1990 and in Dakar in 2000, which were reaffirmed in New York in 2010,
- Place the inclusion at the heart of policies and educational practices, and implement all means necessary for ALL women and girls, whatever their origin to have access to quality education,
- Ensure women and girls protection in school environment (students and teachers),
- Ensure to all women and girls an equitable and equal access to different professional sectors, with the same chances for success than men and boys.

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