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**RESOLUTION ON THE KIDNAPPING OF NIGERIAN SCHOOL GIRLS,
HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW**

**Passed by IAWJ Members at the IAWJ Biennial Membership Meeting
Held In Arusha, Tanzania on 8 May 2014**

Whereas

The International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization whose members represent all levels of the judiciary worldwide and share a commitment to equal justice and the Rule of Law; and

Whereas

The IAWJ has over 4,000 members from approximately 100 countries in regions around the world; and

Whereas

The IAWJ pioneers judicial education programs that advance human rights, uproot gender bias from judicial systems, and promote women's access to the courts; and

Whereas

IAWJ has worked to educate judges, courts and communities around the world to eliminate gender based violence against women and girls and to eliminate and address all forms of human trafficking ; and

Whereas

The IAWJ collaborates with other organizations to raise awareness of issues of equal access to justice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The IAWJ is outraged and deeply concerned by the kidnapping of the over 200 Nigerian school girls. This abominable and cowardly act is an affront to Justice and the Rule of Law and inconsistent with human rights;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The IAWJ will continue to work tirelessly to eliminate gender based violence and to ensure that girls and women have equal access to justice and the right to pursue educational opportunities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The IAWJ will continue its work to demand justice so that the kidnapers of these Nigerian girls will be held accountable under the Rule of Law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That focusing the attention of the world wide judiciary on this blatant violation of human rights and the Rule of Law is at the core of IAWJ's mission to work to ensure justice for all and to work to end gender based violence against women and girls; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We, the delegates in attendance at the 12th Biennial Conference of the IAWJ in Tanzania are unshakable in our resolve to end gender based violence and to educate and raise awareness of the rights to justice for all and the non-negotiable mandate that the Rule of Law prevail.