



MANIFESTE POUR UNE EUROPE DE PROGRÈS ET DE PAIX

It intends to bring the values of the Grande Loge Féminine de France to the European level. Its ambition is to share with Europeans republican principles, which promote dialogue, transcend religious practices and thus advance respect for human dignity, secularism and parity.

On the occasion of its 15th anniversary and in view of the European elections, the I.M.E. publishes this Manifesto for a Humanist Europe, which highlights essential subjects that Europe must address to further advance human rights and particularly those of women.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, dated December 7, 2000, came to confirm and secure the union of peoples in a common peaceful future, based on universal and shared values: Human dignity, Liberty, Equality and Solidarity.

The Grande Loge Féminine de France aims to be an active ambassador of the obligations of this Charter. These values must be implemented everywhere in the same way, with the same standards, for each individual in their integrity.

It is about protecting the exercise of democracy, the rule of law and the defense of women's rights.

This Charter is a fundamental pillar that we must consolidate and guarantee. It puts Humans back in their environment, as the foundation and origin of rights, at the center of what it proposes to undertake. At the same time, it specifies that the enjoyment of these rights entails responsibilities and duties both towards others and towards the human community and future generations and therefore towards its environment.

The Grande Loge Féminine de France affirms and shares these commitments; it therefore maintains that no deviation from the principles of the Charter, no transgression can be tolerated.

Only the application of this Charter will restore confidence in the integrity necessary for the construction of Peace. It must be guaranteed by an ethical agency with the power to investigate and to implement restrictive measures, put in place within the commission as well as by its integration into national laws.

Better yet, we wish to carry the voices of the women we represent to encourage progress towards a humanist, responsible and respectful Europe.

FOR A DEMOCRATIC EUROPE

The strict application of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights is, for us, the guarantee of a common and harmonious future for European citizens. We believe it is essential to particularly emphasize the following points :

Protection of democracy

(Referring to articles 39 and 40)

If the Charter guarantees to every citizen of the Union the right to vote and to stand for election in European elections as well as in municipal elections in the Member State of residence, it seems to us just as essential that their voice be respected.

► In this sense, we refuse any derogation from fundamental rights.

Respect for human integrity

(Referring to articles 1 and 3)

Respect for human integrity implies respect for what also constitutes one's privacy.

The physical and mental integrity of each and every person is an acquired right, yet often mistreated.

► It is essential to require the application of advance directives for the choice of end of life.

Respect for human dignity

Human dignity being inviolable, its respect and permanent protection are fundamental requirements.

► Voluntary termination of pregnancy must be included in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

► Each Member State must ensure respect for the European rights of people with disabilities. In the same way, the rights and dignity of homeless people must be respected.

The Union must take advantage of indicators allowing the control and monitoring of these obligations with regard to the most vulnerable. New technologies bear a responsibility which deserves particular attention and which the legislator must seize.

► The digital sector broadcasting scenes of violence and humiliation as well as cyber harassment must be subject to specific and qualified sanctions.

Freedom of thought and conscience

(Referring to articles 10 and 11)

We affirm that the quest for meaning and values can take varied forms, including through non-religious philosophies and spiritualities.

This right implies the freedom to believe or not to believe, as well as the freedom to change religion or belief.

Freedom of conscience is a right that nothing should be able to call into question. Freedom of thought is a right which is the corollary of freedom of conscience. Linked to freedom of conscience, freedom of expression, like the freedom to inform, are part of fundamental freedoms. What would freedom of thought be if it could not be expressed or if the plurality of information was called into question, in favor of a single word?

► It is important to affirm that it is, by law, possible to question any thought, including religious ones, as long as it only concerns ideas and opinions, within the limits of the law. Freedom of expression does not authorize insults, defamation, calls for murder or the apology of terrorism.

Right to free and secure information

(Referring to articles 6, 8 and 38)

Access to knowledge is a fundamental freedom, secured by verified and royalty-free information.

Technological advances require particular attention to ensure the respect of data protection rights. Likewise, this progress must be part of free and responsible research, in the service of human health.

Faced with uncontrolled advances in new technologies and predictable abuses, it is therefore necessary to revise the regulatory framework to prevent threats to ethics.

- ▶ “Fake news” must be punished in its dissemination through a more repressive framework.
- ▶ The use of mass data processing must be better regulated.
- ▶ A.I. must be, for everyone, trustworthy and present no flaws when it comes to the freedom and security of citizens.
- ▶ A global governance framework given the potential of neuro-technologies must be defined, in order to preserve the right to privacy and to guarantee respect for the physical, psychological and social identity of each individual.

Finance orientation

We want a Europe where women and girls, in all their diversity, enjoy equal rights.

Placing the rights of women and girls at the heart of European policies is essential to achieve the European project of Peace and Solidarity. To do this, we must achieve budgetary equality. This perspective, in establishing budgets, makes it possible to fight against inequalities by taking into account the respective situations of each and everyone.

This transversal vision makes it possible to question the relationships of domination between women and men as well as inequalities in all areas of society.

- ▶ We want to promote the economic independence of women based on economic and social justice. We therefore call on national and European decision-makers to provide funds in order to achieve parity democracy.

FOR A HARMONIOUS EUROPE

“What vigilance should the women of Europe exercise during the next mandate (2024 -2029) so that the EU continues to move forward for and with women and avoid regression ?

Education

(Referring to article 14)

Article 14 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights states: “Everyone has the right to education and to have access to vocational and continuing training”. Education according to Robert Badinter must be “access to knowledge and research through rational and emancipatory education.” To achieve this objective, education must be part of learning critical thinking. This is one of the main missions of education. You cannot form an opinion if you only obey filtered and dogmatic information. If education is a right, critical thinking is its driving force. So many children are out of school at the age of 10-12 ; how will they one day be able to decide on their future and freely make social choices in complete awareness?

► The priority today is not only to establish the right to education but to ensure that our children, our adolescents, are trained in critical thinking.

Qualifying training for women

(Referring to articles 14 and 23)

The development of professional training for young women can contribute to their economic empowerment, break down gender barriers and promote a more inclusive society. Gender stereotypes invite young women to unpromising and unrewarding careers. They hinder their access to qualifying training. Women are very poorly represented in the IT, scientific and political fields. They prioritize their home more and are socially encouraged in their role as mothers to the detriment of their professional careers.

► Propose information campaigns, program budgetary and cultural incentives to encourage girls and women to follow qualifying training in the fields of technology, engineering, and construction.

Deconstruction of stereotypes and gendered behaviors

(Referring to article 23)

90% of acts of violence and delinquency (voluntary homicides, feminicides, rapes, etc.) are committed by men. This male violence has a colossal social and human cost. This reality needs to be questioned.

► Rethinking education, deconstructing this model is possible. Political will is essential to implement ambitious educational and cultural programs, beneficial for girls and boys, women, and men. They will enable a peaceful society and the sharing of common goods.

FOR A EUROPE IN PEACE, WHERE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE REIGNS

Social justice

(Referring to chapters 3 and 4)

One of the fundamental current challenges is to seek a reconciliation of human rights with the dynamics of environmental developments. The destruction of biodiversity, climate change... lead to an exacerbation of inequalities, violence, wars. Faced with the facts and the experience of so much injustice, we must link these issues in the service of a democracy of fairness, solidarity, and hospitality.

► It is about inventing common perspectives for everyone and protecting ourselves from identity deviations
It is about establishing democratic control of our tools, our techniques, to keep control of our destinies.

Environmental justice

(Referring to article 14)

ONE HEALTH for living beings and ecosystems.

The right to information introduces the question of the duty of participation and responsibility.

- The European Union must oppose the principles of exemptions in the application of the laws in force and ensure that the Nature Restoration Law of February 29, 2024 is not emptied of its substance.
- The Union must also contribute to climate equity and ensure that the measures necessary to achieve climate neutrality are applied with a view to social justice.

Preservation of air and water quality

(Referring to article 37)

This is a public health issue, a European issue. French and European regulations relating to air and water quality must be applied. The action to be pursued must assess the current impact of human activities via an inventory and territorial Environment-Health diagnosis and on this basis provide a plan to reduce their impact on the quality of outdoor air and water.

- The Union must provide for the establishment of regulations to guarantee a high level of environmental protection for all. Beyond that, the Union must work towards the explicit recognition of a right to a healthy and sustainable environment (according to the resolutions of October 8, 2021 and July 28, 2022 regarding air) and that this right be included in its Charter. We request the adoption to this end of a binding instrument in the form of an additional protocol to the ECHR.

Paradigm change for the preservation of the commons - Ecological impacts

The founding myths of Humanity have been turned upside down. Since Mirabeau's "Naître homme" on August 17, 1789, the real and virtual worlds collide. These movements tend towards a privatization of the Living, of the Earth, of the Sea, of the Air, of Space and even privatizes our virtual life.

- The Union must be committed to these areas, work to co-construct knowledge and contribute to climate equity...

The EUROPEAN MASONIC INSTITUTE of the “Grande Loge Feminine de France” through this manifesto, while reaffirming its total adherence to the European Charter of Fundamental Rights, also wishes to make known its expectations regarding the next mandate.

It wants, because it carries the voice of women, of all women, to proclaim loud and clear its desire to work for this “Human” and “Political” adventure that constitutes the European Union, with a view to a future of dignity, justice, fairness, and equality.

The future of our achievements will depend on the determination we have to defend them and fight, together, for the common good.



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