

## **Resolution 10: Post traumatic stress disorder**

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Proposed by ARGENTINA

*Be it resolved that the BPW International meeting in Congress in Luzerne, Switzerland in June 2005 calls upon National Federations and Associate Clubs to –*

***lobby*** their Government to provide adequate treatment facilities for those identified as suffering from PTSD ***work*** to raise awareness among all health professionals and those working with families to enable them to recognise the symptoms and refer for appropriate treatment including the new psychodynamic therapies ***raise*** awareness generally of the causes and symptom's of PTSD, especially among women and in schools ***encourage*** development of group support for families of sufferers.

Seconded by **Tuulikki Juusela**, PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

ARGENTINA explained that the member who had prepared the Resolution had asked for it to be proposed in Spanish.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was a psychological condition caused by very frightening events and could occur following a traumatic experience or by witnessing traumatic events, especially if young, such as armed conflict, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, serious accidents, violent deaths, and violent personal assaults including rape. About 9% of people suffered from this disorder. As well as natural disasters or serious accidents, more women and children were in war zones and areas of conflict.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder had a major effect on the lives of individuals and their families as symptoms include depression, emotional detachment, feelings of guilt, irritability, alcohol abuse, and employment problems. All of these have a large effect on the families both socially and economically. It was worse if there was no family or society support and the resolution called for governments to provide adequate health facilities and treatment as well as social support services for those affected and their families.

The Seconder did not exercise her right to speak and as there were no other speakers the debate was closed.

The CREDENTIALS CHAIR explained that 141 voting sets were logged out to delegates but only 137 delegates had signed in. 4 sets were missing

The CHIEF PARLIAMENTARIAN asked anyone who had not handed in a set at lunchtime to go to the Credentials Table. This had to be resolved as it was elections that afternoon.

As this request did not resolve the problem the CHIEF PARLIAMENTARIAN then declared that all delegates had to leave the Hall, handing in their voting sets as they did so. When the Hall was empty and the sets returned then delegates would be asked to return, sign in and collect a voting set.

### **Break while delegates left the Hall and signed in on return**

The CHIEF PARLIAMENTARIAN thanked members for their cooperation.

## **Resolution 12: Gender discrimination and AIDS**

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