



# MANIFESTO

## TO PUT AN END TO FUNDAMENTALISM

Regardless of their ideology and their intolerant religious practices, all fundamentalist movements are plagued with ignorance, chauvinism, obscurantism and even murder. These movements seek to enslave women, to thwart social progress, and to stifle freedom of conscience and expression. Their will to dominate must cease. Together, we will break the silence of millions of men and women who, today, are still subjected to their sexist tyranny.

I declare that I am offended by the fundamentalists' demeaning words on women and that I am aware of their multiple pressures, threats, physical and mental acts of violence, rapes and massacres.

I know of the shameful and degrading conditions endured by women who are imprisoned in their own bodies and behind the walls of their homes. They are exiled from the very heart of society and their most ordinary daily acts are criminalized.

**This happens to them simply because they are women. In that way, I am one of them.**

In France, secularism, which separates the laws of the nation from religious dogma, ensures individual freedom and equality for all citizens. This principle, which was acquired at a great cost 110 years ago, must be clearly established and promoted throughout the whole territory.

Whether I am from France or not, I agree with this statement and I express it freely and in good conscience.

As a citizen of the world, I support those, women and men who seek to adopt the principle of secularism in their respective nations and who bear the claim for equality between men and women everywhere.

**The act of making this statement together and in public is a political act that I claim.**