

Rotation for Equality Campaign

UN General Assembly Presidency



Background

While many organizations within the UN system have made important strides toward achieving gender parity in their teams and leadership, **the UN General Assembly** has not followed suit.

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Data

Our research reveals that since 1946 UNGA has had **74 male presidents and only 4 female presidents**. GWL Voices believes this needs to change.



Proposal

The **Rotation for Equality Campaign** is inspired by the concept of regional rotation, which has ensured that the Presidency of the UN General Assembly rotates among the five regional groups each year. Our campaign proposes applying this same principle to gender as well. Each year, in addition to the regional rotation, the Presidency should alternate between a man and a woman.



Goal

In ensuring **gender parity** alongside geographical rotation, this straightforward mechanism would help further close gender gaps within the multilateral system, starting with the UN's most representative and democratic governing body, The General Assembly.



Support

After steady advocacy efforts, the campaign has already received support from: **Mexico, Slovenia, Spain, and Uruguay**.



Next Steps

GWL Voices is proposing the adoption of a Resolution by the UN General Assembly including the notion of **gender rotation** that guarantees the alternation of men and women at the UNGA Presidency, hence ensuring the election of a woman president by the 80th Session of the General Assembly in 2026.



#Rotation4Equality Group of Friends

To support this idea, several **member states** have decided to establish a Group of Friends to work on a General Assembly Resolution and/or amendment to the UN Rule of Procedure 30 and the annex to resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978 of the General Assembly, which refers to the regional rotation of the body's presidency and vice-presidencies (see next page for full text).



From words to action:

The proposed resolution/amendment should request **the inclusion of a 4th paragraph** in the annex as follows: *4. In addition to geographical rotation, the principle of gender rotation shall be applied to the Presidency of the General Assembly, in order to ensure equal gender representation.*