PRESS RELEASE

Confronted with the global increase in the threat of war and funding for armaments,

On the occasion of the International Day of Peace - September 21, 2022

IAW calls for a clear and firm UN Action Plan
to return to global disarmament as well as investments in and public funding for Peace

September 20, 2022

IAW calls on the International Community and the United Nations (UN) entities, especially the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly, the UN Security Council, the UN Human Rights Council, the UN's regional organizations, as well as all UN member states and their leadership to decide without delay on a Global UN Action Plan to return to effective global disarmament and initiate a new and bold investment in public finances for peace, all elements of a culture of peace, secure finances for the many urgently needed civil purposes such as alleviating poverty, for social justice, for gender equality and climate change mitigation and adaption around the globe. Give peace a chance! Money must be invested in global justice, survival, peace, human rights and people's welfare.

There is no justification for war. War is a crime. It violates the right to life. War is taking away the resources humankind needs to survive on this planet. Its senseless destruction and violation of basic values and rights cannot be tolerated.

In solidarity with the Ukrainian people and with all Russians with a peaceful mindset, as well as with all human beings who suffer under armed conflicts, the International Alliance of Women calls for an immediate stop of hostilities: LAY DOWN THE ARMS.

Channel all your resources into welfare not warfare! We expect the UN Security Council to unite for mediating, shaping and keeping of peace, as is its founding mandate. We expect the UN General Assembly to unite to take up responsibility and implement a process of global peace negotiations in which women are at the table in accordance with its own decrees. As to the war against Ukraine we appeal you would consider accepting the offer of the OSCE (ODIHR) to serve as a platform for peace dialogues in which are included civil society from Ukraine and Russia under professional and neutral facilitation.

As members of the International Alliance of Women, in our role as part of the civil society, we are ready to contribute with all our might to re-establish and maintain peace and justice globally under such an international plan.