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## **RMEI statement on Gender Equality Policy (GEP)**

Mediterranean basin has been the cradle of important civilizations, it is an exceptional eco-region, has unique natural and cultural heritage, and the feeling shared by its inhabitants of belonging to 'the same sea' (Mare Nostrum).

At the crossroads of three continents, the Mediterranean Sea brings together countries and peoples of various levels of economic and social development, different religions, languages and cultures, who share a common civilization.

Mediterranean region is the interface of North and South, East and West. People of Mediterranean wish to embrace common values of equity among countries and generations, mutual respect between people, solidarity, and peace.

Mediterranean is nowadays in front of great challenges. These challenges are environmental, economic and social.

Sustainable development, including economic vitality, based on green economy, social cohesion, gender equality, environmental protection, sustainable management of natural resources, to meet the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of futures, is the vision of RMEI.

The main mission of RMEI is to enhance the ethics of responsibility of Mediterranean Youth through Education and Culture.

Universities play a key role in contributing to Social Transformation and Sustainable Development through Education, Research and Innovation. This role is fully reflected in the formulation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

Universities-members of RMEI express their commitment to embed the UN world agenda 2030, at the center of their missions and, develop their activities within this framework.

The GEP of RMEI complies with the vision for a Sustainable Development, where engineers, scientists, managers (men and women) play a major role. Women need to be considered equal to men at all levels of activities and life, and gender dimension in teaching, research and innovation related to Sustainable Development, should be strengthened.

The RMEI GEP calls for education strategies and related actions to pursue SDGs.

RMEI invites all members-Universities to endorse this statement, work on SDGs and implement GEP in their Institutions.