

Advocacy

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Zonta International’s Definition of Advocacy

- support for, or opposition to, a cause, argument or proposal.
- action taken in ‘the public interest’ or for ‘the greater good’ with respect to empowering women and girls and their human rights.



Zonta International’s Advocacy Goal

Goal 2: Zonta International is a leading advocate for women’s rights.

- (a) All advocacy actions are in-line with the strategic plan and have measurable impact. When relevant, cooperation with likeminded organization is initiated.
- (b) Zonta International utilizes its consultative and participatory status at the United Nations and Council of Europe to ensure equality and a life free of violence for all women.



ZI’s Advocacy Goal, Continued

- (c) Zonta International encourages Zonta clubs to cooperate across district borders to engage in advocacy actions at national level.
- (d) Men are engaged as partners for gender equality – in particular, Zonta International endorses the HeForShe Campaign, adopted by UN Women, and encourages Zonta Clubs to engage men in the community to join the campaign



Tools Available from ZI for Advocacy

- We have an Advocacy Definitions and Policy, and Guidelines (appendix 1, 2)
- We have a scorecard to use, to test each proposed Advocacy project against Zonta's goals and mission (appendix 3)
- We have an Affiliation with Other Organization Policy, and Guidelines (appendix 4, 5)
- We have a Women's Reproductive Health Policy (appendix 6)
- We have an Advocacy Who-When-How flow chart with notes (appendix 7)

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Important Considerations in Advocacy Projects

- Zonta is NON-PARTISAN: not biased or partisan, especially toward any particular political group.
- Zonta is NON-SECTARIAN: not involving or relating to a specific religious sect or political group
 - For example, there were cautions about Zonta participation in the Women's March in DC in January, 2017
 - See Zonta Path (Appendix 8)



United Nations - UN Women

- UN Women is the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.
- Created in July 2010 - combines prior efforts
- <http://www.unwomen.org/>



HeforShe Campaign

- Initiated by UN Women on 9/20/14
- Web: www.heforshe.org
- Solidarity campaign for gender equality
- Goal: engage men and boys as agents for change



HeforShe Campaign

- Uses online, office and mobile technology
- Activates advocates in every city, community and village around the world
- There are action plans for various situations



HeforShe Action Plan for Work

The action plan for work includes:

- Don't Laugh
- Pitch In
- Open the Door



HeforShe Action Plan to End Violence

The action plan against violence includes:

- No Trolls
- Teach Peace
- Active Bystander



Let me know what you think and how I can help!
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Thank you



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POLICY:

Zonta International Bylaws

Article III Policy

Section 1. Nonpartisan and Nonsectarian. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Section 2. Principles and Public Issues. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs may express themselves about, and become involved in principles and public issues having a bearing on the Objects of Zonta International, following the guidelines established by the Zonta International Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Article III. Sections 2 and 3 of the Zonta International Bylaws (1998), the Zonta International Board, at its February 2000 meeting, adopted the following definition and policy:

Advocacy Definition

Advocacy is the expression of support for or opposition to a cause, argument or proposal. Advocacy may include influencing laws, legislation or attitudes. Zonta advocacy is an action taken in "the public interest" or for "the greater good" with respect to advancing the status of women and girls and their human rights.

Advocacy Policy

1. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs are urged to express themselves about and become involved in issues that:
 - improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women;
 - advance understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of executives in business and the professions; and
 - promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.
2. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs are encouraged to support proposed or introduced legislation that advances the implementation of the Objects and Resolutions of Zonta International, the Beijing Declaration, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the Millennium Development Goals and their updates, as well as other United Nations and Council of Europe conventions.
3. a. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs will ascertain if there are other like-minded organizations or individuals researching issues regarding the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women, and cooperate with these other organizations and individuals when appropriate.

b. Whenever it is effective to do so, Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs will work in cooperation with other organizations or individuals to educate people (including ourselves) about these issues and the actions we must initiate to effect a positive change.
4. When Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs host or sponsor educational activities, every effort should be made for a well-balanced presentation of the facts and viewpoints.
5. a. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs shall not advocate on behalf of or endorse a political candidate or party, or any religion or religious denomination.

b. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs may endorse qualified individuals for non-partisan positions.
6. The Convention may express opinions on issues on behalf of Zonta International. Between conventions, only the Zonta International Board may express opinions on issues on behalf of Zonta International.
7. a. Zonta clubs may express their opinion on issues only as clubs. Zonta districts may express their opinions only as districts.

b. Districts may include guidelines for the process for determining their advocacy activity, providing that such guidelines conform to the Zonta International advocacy policy.
8. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs may register protests concerning violations of human rights with the Zonta International Advocacy Committee and Executive Director. The Advocacy Committee Chairman will address the issue in consultation with the UN and Council of Europe Chairmen and the International President. The International President will issue a statement in response to the issue and will formally advise districts and clubs of any actions they may take in response to the issue.

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- a. Districts, clubs, and individual Zontians shall not otherwise express positions on issues involving a country other than their own, except with the prior approval of the International President through the International Advocacy Chairman or Executive Director.
 - b. Individual Zonta members may express a position on issues involving a country other than their own, providing they use the exact wording of the position adopted by the Zonta International Board, or of the International President, in the approval given through the International Advocacy Chairman or Executive Director.
 - c. Individual members may express their personal views on issues as private citizens, but must never attribute their personal views to a Zonta club, district, or Zonta International.
9. Clubs within a country that is spread across multiple districts, or clubs within a Zonta area within one country, may petition the International President to grant a special provision for the clubs to band together as a country/area to advocate on a national issue(s). Should the clubs require visual representation of their actions online or in printed materials, the clubs may request a special Zonta country logo to be used to represent the clubs in their advocacy action(s).

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BACKGROUND:

Bylaws of Zonta International, Articles II, state that advocacy is one of our two tools to improve the status of women. As provided in Article III, all levels of Zonta shall

- be nonpartisan and nonsectarian (definitions, see Glossary)
- follow policies established by the ZI Board when expressing themselves about, and becoming involved in, principles and public issues.

BYLAWS PROVISIONS and BOARD APPROVED POLICIES are binding at all levels of Zonta.

ADVOCACY DEFINITIONS AND POLICIES encourage advocacy actions, refer to international treaties and conventions, and encourage cooperation. They apply to ALL advocacy actions, also taken through electronic communication, including social media.

ADVOCACY POLICIES clarify the authority to take action at each level of Zonta and provide processes for certain initiatives.

Identifying important issues, and selecting relevant advocacy actions, is the responsibility of the ZI Board, districts and clubs respectively.

GUIDELINES:**IMPORTANT ISSUES**

Empowering women worldwide is Zonta's mission.

We focus on women's issues according to CEDAW Articles 1-16.

Other issues are important for world development, such as armed conflicts and the environment. Such issues are addressed by Zonta only from a women's perspective.

Over the years, we have developed knowledge about women's issues. Keeping this in mind, we must focus only on issues within Zonta's mission and on which we DO have expertise, leaving issues outside Zonta's field of expertise to other experts.

Districts and clubs are encouraged to identify women's issues that are the most important in their part of the Zonta world, with a primary focus on issues included in Biennial Goals, adopted by Convention.

MESSAGES (STATEMENTS, LETTERS, PETITIONS etc.)

Women's human rights are violated every day. However, Zonta cannot act on everything. To achieve that our voice is heard, and to contribute to sustainable improvements we must be selective in taking meaningful actions that can be evaluated.

- Messages shall address matters of general importance, not individual issues.
- Messages shall have a purpose and propose actions, not just express our emotions.
- Messages shall highlight problems that are not addressed by governments or responsible authorities.

RESULTS

Results of major actions should be reported to Zonta International so that we can compile the global impact and learn from each other.



Zonta International Advocacy Scorecard

Use this tool to help focus your club activities towards the Objects of Zonta.

According to the Bylaws of Zonta International, Article II. The Objects of Zonta International shall be:

- (a) To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global & local level through service & advocacy.
- (b) To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, & peace through a world fellowship of members.
- (c) To promote justice and universal respect for human rights & fundamental freedoms.
- (d) To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support & fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations, and the world.

Article III. 1. Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Violence against women is a global women's issue. To empower women and to promote respect for human rights, Zonta International works to end violence against women.

1. *Please fill in the following table*

Title of the project under consideration:	
Aspect to be considered - linked to Zonta's Objects	Write each project goal, putting goal next to best match in the left column.
Improve the legal status of women (CEDAW Articles 1-6, 15, 16)	
Improve the political status of women (CEDAW Articles 7-9)	
Improve the economic status of women (CEDAW Articles 11, 13, 14)	
Improve the educational status of women (CEDAW Article 10)	
Improve the health status of women (CEDAW Article 12)	
Improve the professional status of women (CEDAW Articles 1-5, 11, 15)	
Work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill, & peace through world fellowship...	
Promote justice & universal respect for human rights & freedoms.	
Be united internationally to foster high ethical standards...	
Work to end violence against women.	

2. *Please evaluate the table above and answer these questions*

- a) Do our project goals address/affirm the ZI Objects*? _____
- b) Is the project non-sectarian and non-partisan? _____

3. **If the answers above are 'yes', congratulations! ...Proceed!** **If not, please modify or reject the project.**

* For clarification regarding what is covered under the Objects, refer to the **ZI Advocacy Framework**

<http://www.zonta.org/MemberResources/Tools/AdvocacyTools.aspx>

&/or the text of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW),

<http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/ProfessionalInterest/cedaw.pdf>

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POLICY:

The Bylaws of Zonta International provide that Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian. (Article III, Section 1.)

and that

Zonta International, its districts, and its clubs may express themselves about, and become involved in principles and public issues having a bearing on the Objects of Zonta International, following the policies established by the Zonta International Board of Directors. (Article III, Section 2.)

The Zonta International and Zonta International Foundation Strategic Plans 2012, adopted by the 2012-2014 Zonta International Board, specify that Zonta:

1. Continue to advocate locally and globally on issues that will improve the lives of women and girls
2. Use Zonta International's special relationships with the United Nations and Council of Europe to effectively advocate for the rights of women and girls
3. Actively develop new strategic partnerships to expand Zonta International's influence to effectively advocate for the rights of women and girls

In accordance with these principles, the Zonta International Board, at its February 2013 meeting, adopted the following definitions and policies:

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Definitions

Affiliation with another organization means any kind of association of Zonta with the other organization, including joining or cooperation.

- **Joining** another organization means that Zonta becomes a member of the organization and is bound by the organization's rules and, unless Zonta dissents, the organization's actions. For example, Zonta International is currently a member of the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO), NGO Committee on UNICEF, UNESCO NGO Liaison Committee, UNA-USA Council of Organizations, and INGO-Service of the Council of Europe.
- **Cooperation** with another organization means that Zonta and the other organization agree to work together on a specific project or program, normally for a specific period of time, and that Zonta and the other organization each have specific responsibilities. For example, Zonta International cooperated with UN Women on the Say NO – UNiTE Campaign, and many districts and clubs have cooperated on the White Ribbon campaign.

Policies

1. Affiliation (includes joining and cooperation)

Conditions for any affiliation with another organization include all of the following:

- a. The affiliation promotes the Objects of Zonta International.
- b. The affiliation will give greater benefit than independent Zonta actions.
- c. Zonta's nonpartisan and nonsectarian character is preserved.
- d. The affiliation will not put at risk Zonta's status with UN agencies or the Council of Europe.
- e. The affiliation will not put at risk Zonta International's tax status (e.g. tax-exempt in the United States under Sec. 501(c)(4) of the United States Internal Revenue Code).
- f. The required financial and human resources have been determined and made part of the basis for a decision on affiliation.
- g. Zonta's name and credibility are not likely to be adversely affected.

Once any affiliation arrangement has been made or terminated at the district/region, area, or club level, Zonta's Executive Director or her/his designee should be informed at the time of affiliation or in the next governor's report.

2. Joining

Zonta International may join another organization, and its districts/regions, areas and clubs may join another organization, provided that:

- a. conditions under 1.a – 1.g above are fulfilled,
- b. the organization is independent of partisan or religious authority in its decision-making,
- c. Zonta may dissent or abstain from decisions with which it disagrees and have that dissent or abstention noted in the other organization's published decisions, and
- d. Zonta may terminate its membership of the other organization at any time or with minimal notice.

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Zonta International may join another organization based on the decision, after 60 days' written notice, by a two-thirds vote of the Zonta International Board. A decision to terminate the membership shall be by a majority vote of the Zonta International Board.

A district/region may join another organization with the approval of the Zonta International President, provided that a two-thirds vote of the club votes cast in the district/region approves the arrangement.

An area or club may join another organization only with the prior approval of the district/region board. To seek approval of the district/region board, a two-thirds vote of the club members votes cast must approve a proposed club affiliation. Because of the different administrative status of areas, 2/3 of the club votes cast in an area must approve a proposed area affiliation before seeking approval from the district/region board.

A decision to terminate the membership shall be by a majority vote of the clubs in the district/region, by a majority vote of the clubs in the area, or by a majority vote of the members in the case of a club.

3. Cooperation

Zonta International, its districts/regions, areas, and clubs may cooperate with other organizations, provided that:

- a. conditions under 1.a – 1.g above are fulfilled
- b. the arrangement is recorded in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties (i.e. the other organization and Zonta International, a district/region, area or club).

Zonta International may enter into a cooperative arrangement based on the decision of the Zonta International President.

A district/region may enter into a cooperative arrangement, based on the decision of a majority vote of the clubs in the district/region. Reference shall be to Zonta District/Region XX.

An area may enter into a cooperative arrangement, based on the approval of a two-thirds vote of the clubs in the area and the approval of the area director and the governor/region representative. Reference shall be to Zonta District/Region XX, Area XX.

A club may enter into a cooperative arrangement, based on the decision of a majority vote of the club members. Reference shall be to the Zonta Club of XX.

NOTE. 1. No other organization may use the name and symbol of Zonta without prior approval of the Zonta International President. (Bylaws of Zonta International, Article XV, Section 4.)

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BACKGROUND:

As provided in Bylaws of Zonta International, Article III, all levels of Zonta International (ZI) shall be nonpartisan and nonsectarian. (Definitions, see Glossary)

Bylaws and Rules of Procedure of Zonta International, and Board approved policies, are binding at all levels of Zonta.

As stated in Rules of Procedure of Zonta International, item 8, ZI is recognized as having

- general consultative status with ECOSOC
- consultative status with UNESCO
- special relationships with UN entities promoting women's rights
- participatory status with the Council of Europe.

The AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS Policy encourages Zontians to work with others when effective.

AFFILIATION is defined as any kind of association with other organizations. General conditions for affiliation are given. Additional provisions are listed for JOINING and COOPERATION.

There is a very large number of organizations and other groups in the world. Guidelines cannot be given on each one of them.

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Decisions on affiliation with others are the responsibility of the ZI Board, districts and clubs, respectively.

To be noted among conditions for any affiliation:

- **Zonta's nonpartisan and nonsectarian character is preserved**
- **Zonta's name and credibility are not likely to be adversely affected.**

GUIDELINES:

NGOs = Non-governmental organizations.

INTERNATIONAL

ZI will join selected organizations set up to promote and facilitate NGO relations with the United Nations and the Council of Europe. Examples:

- Conference of NGOs (CONGO)
- INGO-Service of the Council of Europe.

ZI may align with specific UN campaigns. Examples:

- UN campaigns to end violence against women

ZI will observe relevant UN International Days. Examples:

- 8 March, International Women's Day
- 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

ZI may cooperate with UN agencies and selected NGOs on specific projects or programs.

ZI participates with the Service Club Leaders Conference to share experience with other club organizations.

DISTRICTS AND CLUBS

Districts and clubs shall act responsibly when selecting partners, and when deciding about kind of affiliation. All partners must promote women's human rights. Affiliation shall not affect Zonta's nonpartisan and nonsectarian character. Affiliation should be for real impact, not just to have Zonta's name on lists. Evaluation must be possible.

Affiliation is normally recommended for specific activities. Long term involvements should be evaluated preferably every two years but no longer than four years.

TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS / ACTORS

In the following text, types of organizations/actors are described with comments, some with examples.

UN-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Generally recommended for cooperation when relevant. Example:

- National Committees for UN Women.

GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

May be considered for cooperation when relevant, IF set up by democratic governments to work independently in a nonpartisan/nonsectarian way. Example:

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- Our Watch, Australia.

UMBRELLA ORGANIZATIONS FOR NGOS

Such organizations are often set up to coordinate NGO efforts at regional or national level.

Joining may be effective. However, this is not always the case. While normally presenting themselves as nonpartisan and non-sectarian, umbrella organizations often have members who are not. Members may include women's sections of political parties and NGOs based on faith or ethnicity. It can be difficult to find out which NGOs dominate the umbrella organization and its decision-making. Zonta districts/clubs are advised to carefully consider if joining an umbrella organization is in line with the Affiliation Policy.

NGOS WHICH ARE MEMBER-BASED, DEMOCRATIC, NONPARTISAN AND NONSECTARIAN

Generally recommended for cooperation when relevant are:

NGOs with generic goals. Example:

- o Soroptimist International (federations, unions, clubs)

NGOs, with mainly educational goals. Example:

- o International Federation of University Women (regional groups, associations)

NGOs with mainly professional goals. Example:

- o National associations of women lawyers

PARTISAN OR SECTARIAN NGOS

Generally not recommended for affiliation.

Exceptions may be considered for cooperation on specific projects with no partisan or sectarian content.

OTHER NGOS

NGOs may be created by special interest groups or by individuals. Such NGOs often have self-appointed boards and 'members' have no rights or influence. They tend to be short-lived and there may be hidden agendas (commercial, self-promotional or other).

Such NGOs must be considered carefully and are generally not recommended for affiliation.

MOVEMENTS, CAMPAIGNS, RALLIES, EVENTS

Affiliations that include legal or financial obligations shall be with legal entities with which Zonta districts and clubs can make agreements as provided in the Affiliation Policy.

Other support, such as attendance at rallies or events, should be considered very carefully.



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Introduction

The Objects of Zonta International include:

- To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health, and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy.
- To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Zonta International is nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

Zonta International endorses the values expressed in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and focusses on status of women issues according to Articles 1-16 of CEDAW, the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women.

Zonta International has longstanding relations with the UN and has been a steadfast partner to UN agencies. Zonta’s support of UN projects and programs has been critical to their success.

Equality and empowerment of women are global issues. Women’s rights are human rights and a prerequisite for poverty eradication and for positive sustainable development.

Early childbearing and limited access to sexual and reproductive health services prevent women from education and economic self-sufficiency, and cause high levels of obstetric fistula, maternal morbidity and maternal mortality. Unsafe abortions are a serious public health concern.

POLICY STATEMENT

Zonta International is an organization pledged to improve the health status of women.

Zonta International calls on governments to ensure, on a basis of equality of men and women:

- the elimination of all child marriages and similar unions
- equal rights to decide freely and responsibly on the number and spacing of children and to have access to the information, education and means to exercise these rights
- access to health care services, including those services related to family planning.

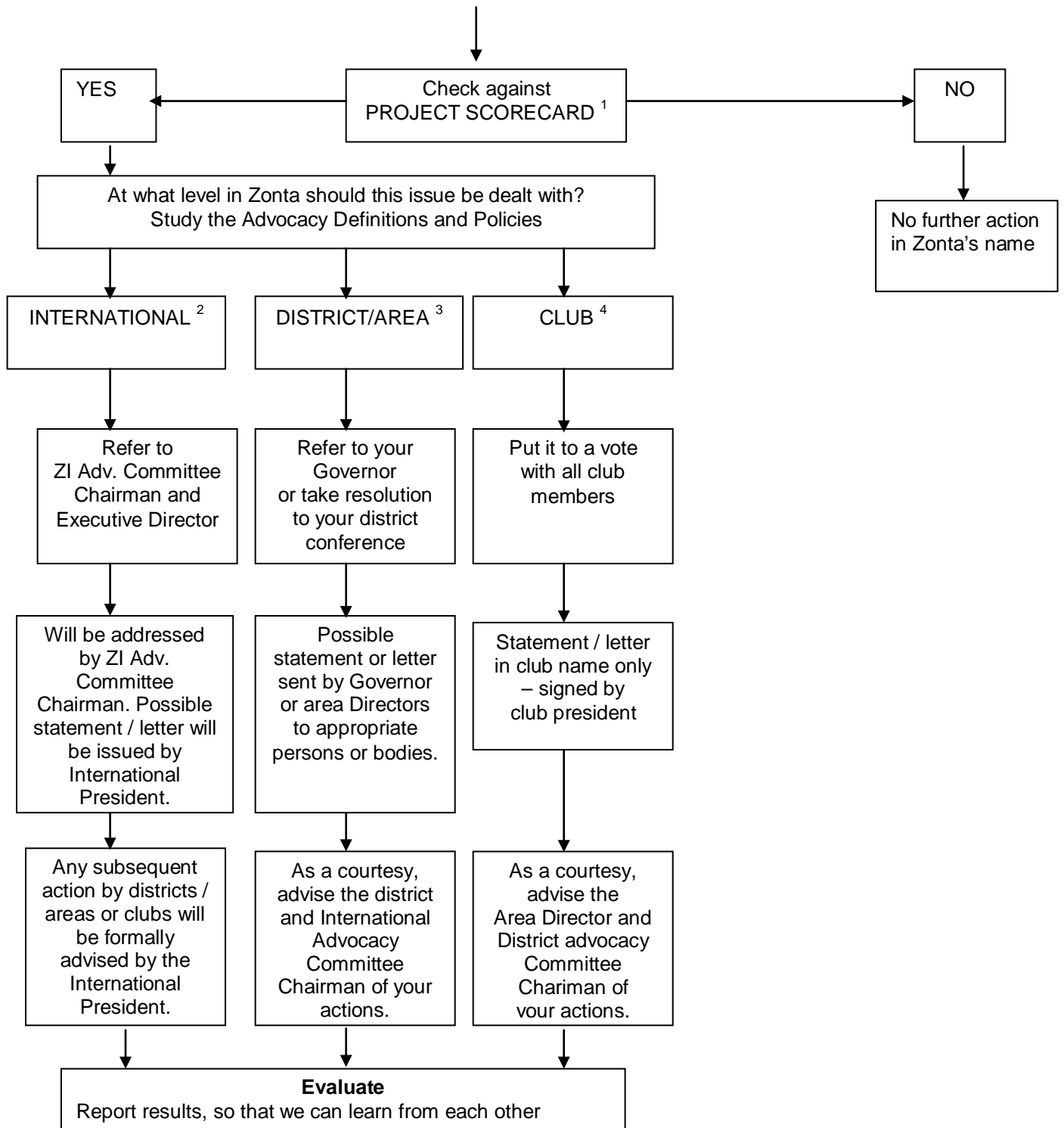
Zonta International does not take a 'pro' or 'con' position on abortion. Recognizing that it is a complex issue, Zonta International calls on governments to ensure that:

- management of complications from unsafe abortions is part of public reproductive health programs
- prevention of unwanted pregnancies is given the highest priority.

ZONTA ADVOCACY

When is it appropriate? Who is to take action? How?

Is the proposed issue within Zonta's mission?





NOTES:

1. At least **one** of Zonta's Objects must be identified in order for criteria to be met (complete Project Scorecard sheet).
2. An **International** issue is one which reflects on what is happening in a country other than your own.
3. A **District / Area** issue is one which falls under federal or state/provincial laws. Learn how laws are made and implemented in your country, and utilize the expertise of Zontians. When Zonta districting does not follow national borders, District Boards are encouraged to help coordinate club advocacy on national issues as appropriate. See also **ADVOCACY DEFINITIONS AND POLICIES**, item 9.
4. A **Club** issue is one which falls under local government laws, or is relevant only to a particular locality (city/town). Poor implementation of laws at community level is often an issue.

CAUTION: Districts, Areas and Clubs should pursue topics only if they are ones which do not 'divide' the membership. Complex ethical issues (eg. abortion, euthanasia) are to be left to personal advocacy. Follow **WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH POLICY**.



February 2017

Advocating for women's issues – The Zonta path

For more than 100 years, women worldwide have been marching, demonstrating, writing petitions and making proposals for law changes that shall improve women's lives, secure equal rights and a life free of violence.

In many countries, and despite all this work, women's rights are still not respected as equal rights, women do not have access to all resources and are not represented in decision making positions on an equal basis with men, women suffer from violence at home, at work and in open spaces.

Changes in governments have a huge impact in the direction taken by the local or national governments towards improving women's lives. Steps forward during one governmental period, can be followed by a step back in the next period.


Today, we are witnessing times with risk for major changes worldwide in laws affecting women's issues and therefore our advocacy actions are needed more than ever!

It is therefore very important to be clear that Zonta International, its districts and clubs in all communication, verbal or written

- SHALL BE non-partisan and non-sectarian (Bylaws article III, Policy, section 1).
- MAY express themselves about and become involved in principles and public issues having a bearing on the Objects of Zonta International¹, following the policies established by the Zonta International Board (Bylaws article III, Policy, section 2).
- SHALL follow Zonta International's [advocacy policy](#) when advocating locally and globally on issues that will improve the lives of women and girls
- SHALL NOT ADVOCATE FOR NOR AGAINST political parties or the appointment of specific persons to any political positions in any country.

Individual members SHALL NOT use district/club websites or district /club social media pages to express personal views

Yours sincerely,


Sonja Hönig Schough
President


Maria José Landeira Oestergaard
Chairman, International Advocacy Committee

¹ The Objects of Zonta International shall be: (a) To improve the legal, political, economic, educational, health and professional status of women at the global and local level through service and advocacy. (b) To work for the advancement of understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of members. (c) To promote justice and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. (d) To be united internationally to foster high ethical standards, to implement service programs, and to provide mutual support and fellowship for members who serve their communities, their nations and the world.