

## **To the Kurdistan Regional Government – Iraqi Kurdistan**

We, the undersigned women's organisations and activists condemn the raid against the Kurdish Women's Relation Office (REPAK), the closure of its premises in Erbil and the deportation of its staff on 5 June 2016 by armed KRG security forces.

The office of REPAK, which was founded and is carrying out its activities according to KRG law, was raided and closed in an arbitrary way, without any court decision or official order. The members of staff that were deported from the city they were living and working in a lawless and arbitrary way are banned to enter the city. Despite all efforts the officials still have not made any explanation or statement in this case.

We, the undersigned believe in democracy, human rights and rule of law as indispensable values for each society. The unique path for a peaceful coexistence of diversities leads through respect for democratic principles and fundamental rights and freedoms.

All over the world women do play a leading role in the implementation of these democratic principles, fundamental rights and freedoms. The more women take their place in all areas of life, especially in political, social and economical processes freely and as subjects it will be possible to move towards democratisation.

In this sense we the undersigned call the Kurdistan Regional Government to restore the rights of REPAK and to end the anti-democratic attitude on the organisation on the basis of the rule of law. REPAK is an organisation that plays an important role in informing the public on the struggle and situation of Kurdish women, which strongly inspire the world women with their resistance. We call you to support these efforts and to lift all barriers to its activities.

**Respectfully**

**XX June 2016**

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**Organisation**

**Country**