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### **MWIA speaks out strongly against the abduction of the Nigerian schoolgirls by Boko Haram.**

With Beijing+20 scheduled for next year, it is time to reflect on the principles outlined so many years ago in Beijing at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995. In that platform for action, governments agreed that they were determined to advance the goals of equality, development and peace for all women everywhere in the interest of all humanity. The platform for action went on to say that it would ensure the full implementation of the human rights of women and of the girl child as an inalienable, integral and indivisible part of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Women everywhere must speak up when violations of this nature occur. Therefore, MWIA urges governments to ensure that women and girls are treated with respect and MWIA speaks strongly against the abduction of the Nigerianschoolgirls by Boko Haram.

Sincerely,

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