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## **Message of the Universal Esperanto Association, International Women's Day, 8 March 2024**

On this International Women's Day, March 8, 2024, the Esperanto community joins with the women of the world in stressing the importance of gender equality, including the right of all women to share in the political, economic and cultural well-being of society.

To participate fully, women must have full access to linguistic resources on a par with men, including elementary education in their mothertongue, and access to additional languages that allow for their complete participation in political and cultural life.

Without access to language and to linguistic equality with men, women cannot fully participate in world affairs, cannot fully join civil society at all levels, cannot fully contribute to political life, cannot play their full part in development.

The Esperanto movement works to open opportunities for worldwide dialogue for all, for ways of finding common ground among women of the world, and for their full participation in world affairs through the International Language Esperanto and its worldwide network of citizens working to create a peaceful and prosperous tomorrow for all humankind.