

Media Statement

London 5th November 2021:

The International Planned Parenthood Federation's (IPPF) Board of Trustees has reappointed Dr Alvaro Bermejo to a second and final four year-term as Director-General of IPPF through to 2026.

Under his leadership, IPPF radically transformed its governance structure and resource allocation system so that its Member Associations and young people are the centre of its work.

Kate Gilmore, Chair of IPPF's Board of Trustees, said:

"Under Alvaro's leadership, IPPF has transformed its governance system and resource allocation process; making changes that once seemed beyond reach. Thanks to the courage and determination that Alvaro displayed throughout his first term of office, those reforms succeeded, being met with unanimous support by the General Assembly of our Member Associations.

"Today, IPPF faces more challenges. Credible, principled, and highly skilled leadership is essential to unite and sustain IPPF behind a bold and daring strategic vision for its global contribution to sexual and reproductive health and rights over the years ahead. Ethical, humble, and impassioned leadership is essential if IPPF is to join, as we must, the wider international development sector in confronting and dismantling legacies of colonialism, racism, and discrimination.

"That is why we are so delighted that Alvaro has accepted a second term of office. As the IPPF Board of Trustees we stand with him. We believe in and are inspired by his vision and commitment to further sexual and reproductive rights for all. And, we are enormously proud to appoint him to be IPPF's Director General for the coming four years".

Dr Alvaro Bermejo, IPPF's Director General, said:

"I am immensely proud to have been reappointed for a second and final term as IPPF's Director-General to continue leading a dedicated global team in the fight for sexual and reproductive health and rights for all.

"While I am under no illusion about the tremendous amount of work we have ahead of us if we are to deliver on our bold strategic vision while we navigate our way past the global pandemic and other challenges. I am confident that IPPF and our Member Associations will continue to innovate, transforming not just sexual and reproductive healthcare and rights but also how we express our sexuality and gender and how we love one another.

"Over the next four years, I promise to lead IPPF with integrity, self-awareness and humility, paving the way for others within the organization, the development sector and beyond, as we work towards creating a better world for all. "

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