

A close-up photograph of a white ranunculus flower with a green bud, set against a white background with a subtle grid pattern. The flower is in sharp focus, showing its intricate, layered petals. The background is softly blurred, featuring another similar flower and green stems. The overall composition is clean and minimalist.

# International al Women's Day

***International Women's Day (IWD)*** is celebrated on March 8 every year. It is a focal point in the movement for women's rights.

*After the Socialist Party of America organized a Women's Day on February 28, 1909 in New York, the 1910 International Socialist Woman's Conference suggested a Women's Day be held annually.*

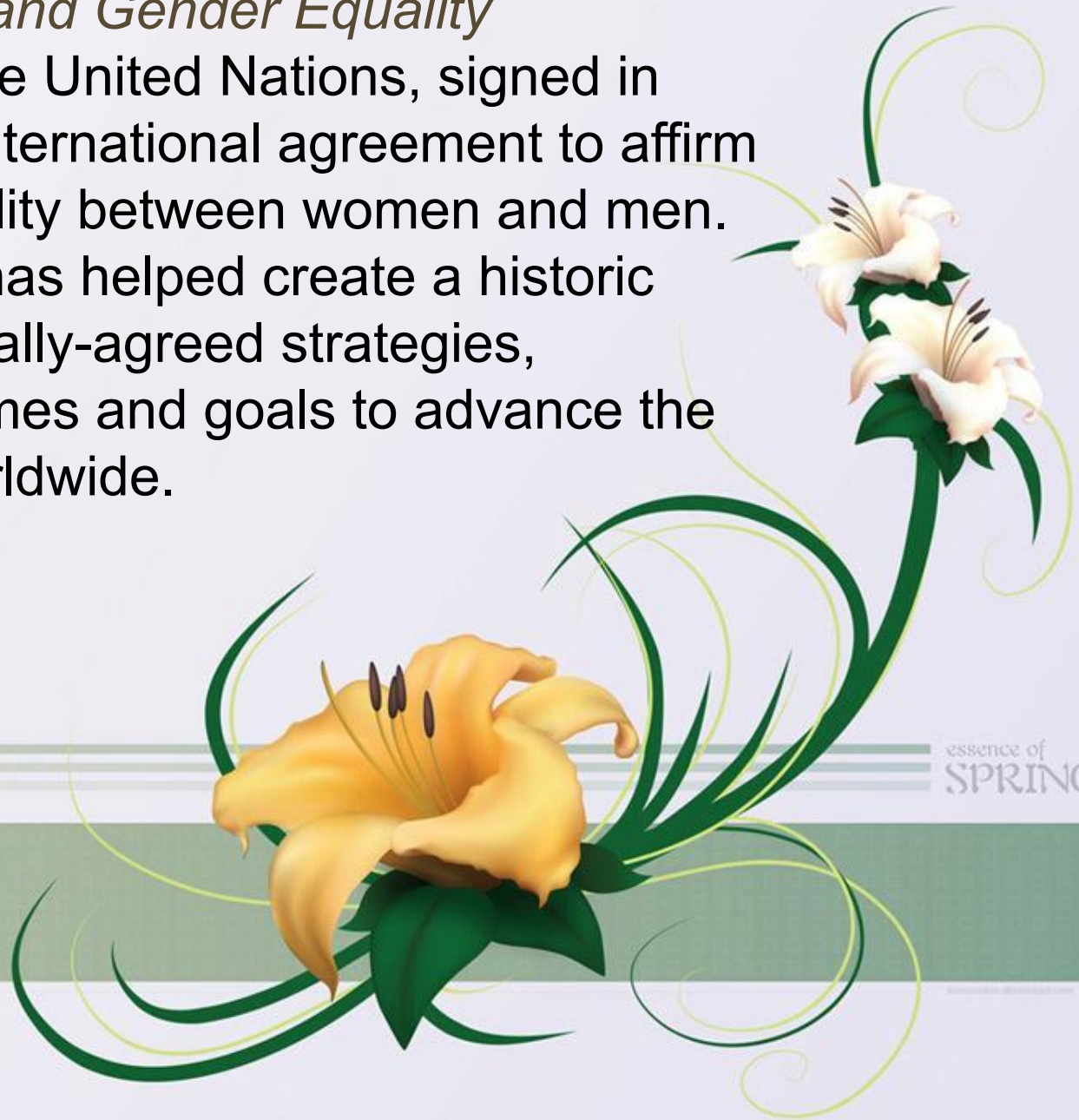
*After women gained suffrage in Soviet Russia in 1917, March 8 became a national holiday there.*



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## *The UN and Gender Equality*

The Charter of the United Nations, signed in 1945, was the first international agreement to affirm the principle of equality between women and men. Since then, the UN has helped create a historic legacy of internationally-agreed strategies, standards, programmes and goals to advance the status of women worldwide.



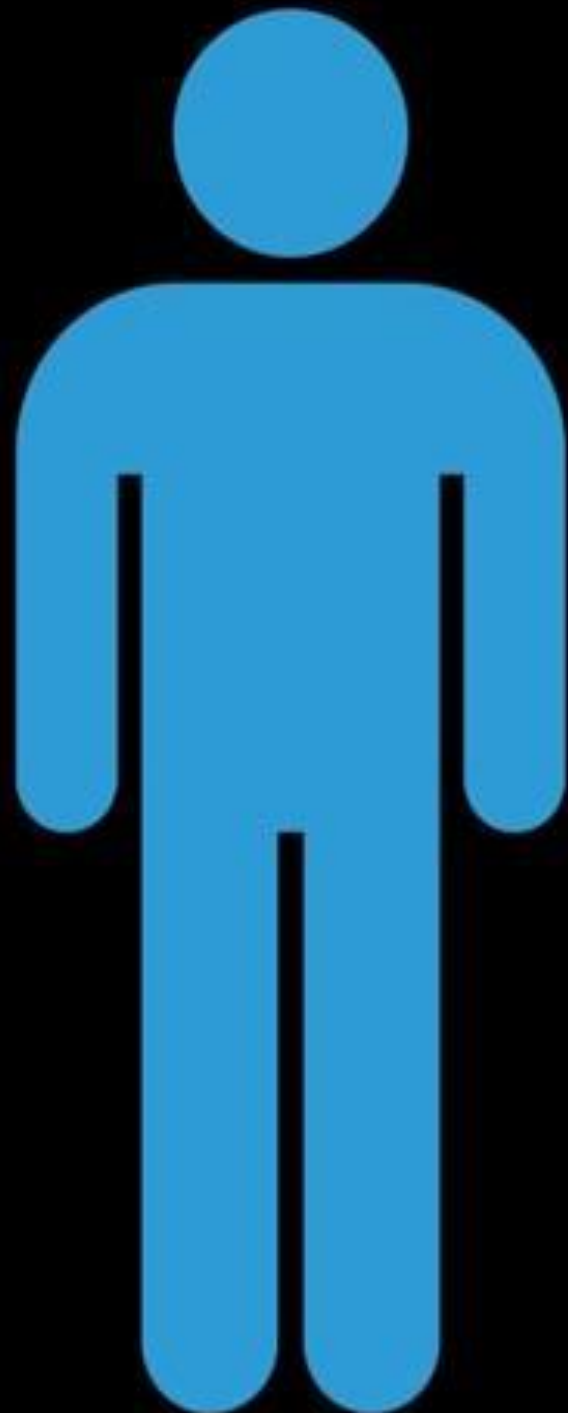
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WOMEN OF THE WORLD UNITE





# 1 in 3

women worldwide has experienced either physical or sexual violence - mainly by an intimate partner



In some countries up to a third of adolescent girls report their first sexual experience as being forced



The risk of maternal death is 2.7 times higher among women and girls with no education than women with more than 12 years of education

Domestic workers are among the most vulnerable groups in the global workforce and women make up

# 83%

of domestic workers worldwide



Women are never  
disarmed by  
compliments. Men  
always are. That is  
the difference  
between the  
sexes.”

Oscar Wilde







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The UN theme for International Women's Day

**IWD 2015**

"Empowering Women, Empowering  
Humanity: Picture it! "

**IWD 2016**

"Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender  
Equality "

**IWD 2017**

"Women in the Changing World of Work:  
Planet 50-50 by 2030 "

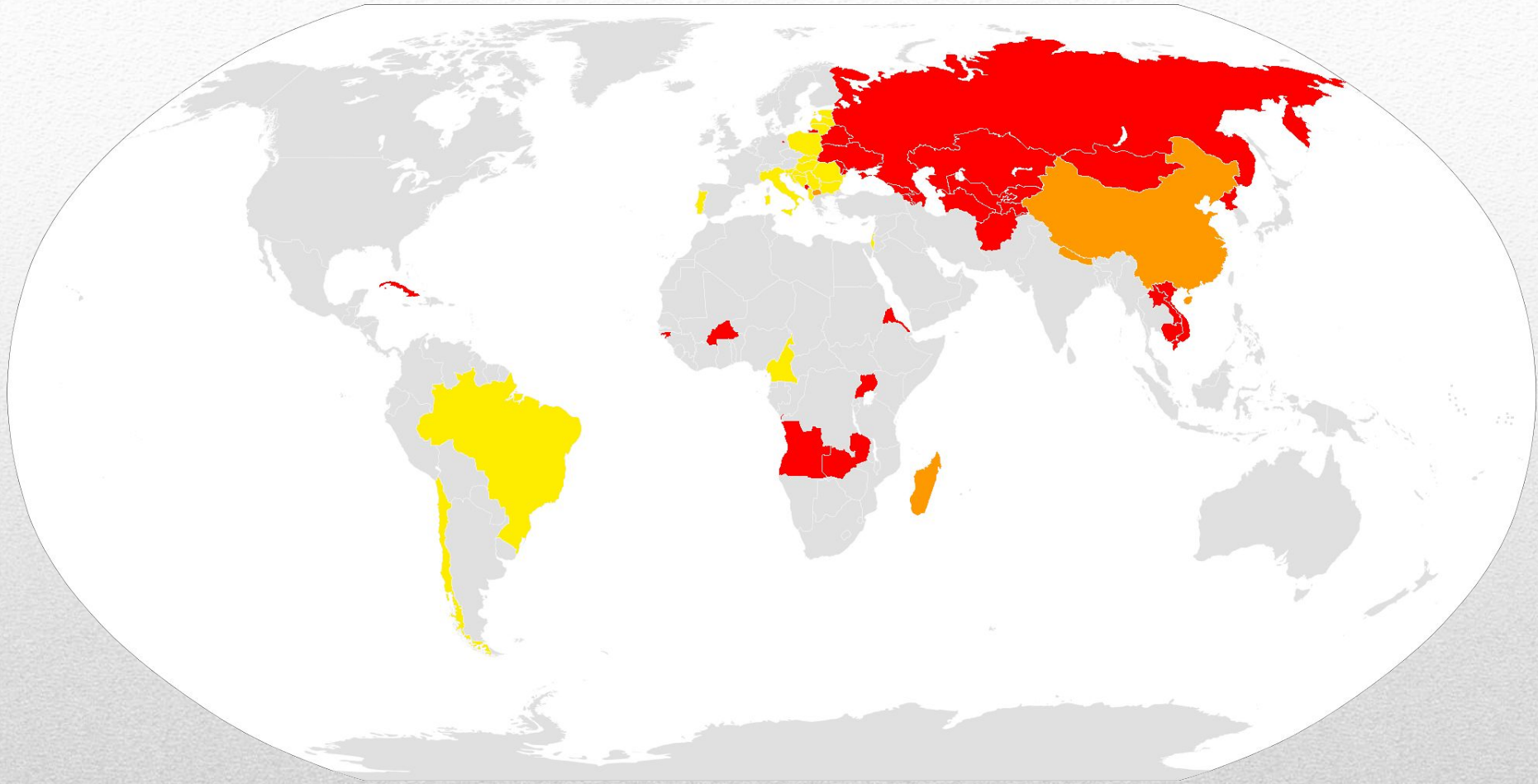
**IWD 2018**

"Time is Now: Rural and urban activists  
transforming women's lives "

**IWD 2019**

"Think equal, build smart, innovate for  
change"





Official holiday    Holiday for women    Non-official holiday

- Soviet poster: "8th of March is the day of rebellion of the working women against kitchen slavery. Down with the oppression and narrow-mindedness of household work!"







**Flowers** are the most popular gift choice on March 8th. Yellow mimosas and roses are especially popular. **Candy and chocolate** are the next popular choice, followed by **perfume and cosmetics**. Some people like to give money or gift cards, so that women could pick the best present for themselves. The list goes on and other gift choices include jewelry, household appliances, kitchen utensils, clothes, footwear, books, DVDs, and even cell phones and cameras.





Yellow mimosa  
is the symbol of  
IWD in Italy



“A foolish man tells  
a woman to stop  
talking, but a wise  
man tells her that  
her mouth is  
extremely  
beautiful when her  
lips are closed”





... and finally  
wanna  
congratulate  
all women !



*Mignon*

Sure God created  
man before  
woman. But then  
you always make  
a rough draft  
before the final  
masterpiece.

~Author Unknown

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