

Gender Equality

- A Latin American

Contribution to the Constitution of the World

Article 8:

The United Nations shall place no restriction on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs

Gildersleeve pointed out how women in the United States were “well established and equal opportunity for women had often been demonstrated”

(UNCIO, 1945, Vol. X: 213).

“the mantle is falling off the shoulders of the Anglo-Saxons and...we [the Latin American Women] shall have to do the next stage of battle for women”

- Bertha Lutz, delegate for Brazil to the UNCIO, in Marino, 2014: 79

243.10.1946
1946. 126
UNITED NATIONS
meeting in San Francisco.

At this first meeting of the United Nations the Alliance played a prominent part through two of its most active presidents, Mrs Glee of Australia & Mrs Bertha Lutz of Brazil. In the solemn Declaration there was to be "no discrimination on the grounds of race religion etc ~~but what of~~ ~~including~~ sex? The British delegation were typically not in favour of the addition of sex which it deemed unnecessary but Bertha Lutz ~~made~~ made an impassioned plea for sex to be added using as her main reason the



”It is a strange psychological paradox that often those who are emancipated by the efforts of others are loath to acknowledge the source of their freedom”

-Bertha Lutz

**“there will never be an
unbreakable peace in the world
until the women help to make
it”**

(Bertha Lutz, UNCIO, 1945, Vol. VI: 171)

