



REGROUPEMENT DES FIQ

- Regroupement des FIQ Statement of Principles

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Each member federation of the Regroupement des FIQ (RFIQ) adheres to its Statement of Principles including its preamble.

PREAMBLE

By its orientations or actions, the Regroupement des FIQ is committed, in the field of labour, social and economic struggles, to promoting a society that recognizes the priority of human rights over economic imperatives and seeks greater justice and a more equitable distribution of wealth and power, without affiliation to any political party.

As such, the Regroupement des FIQ is committed to upholding and promoting the principles contained in the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

THE REGROUPEMENT DES FIQ

The Regroupement des FIQ is a labour organization that works primarily to uphold and promote the professional, economic and social interests of its members.

It strives to be a collective tool for consciousness-raising and advocacy.

AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS OPEN AND DEMOCRATIC

The Regroupement des FIQ is a democratic organization which promotes the participation of the largest number of members in decision-making by its structure. It is also committed to ensuring the involvement of women at the different decision-making levels by using the appropriate measures.

Its actions rest on the mobilization of its members and is therefore committed to ensuring that all of its members have access to the same quality of union life by recognizing their right to information, union education and the freedom to choose a union structure (local, regional or sectional) as essential to the democratic process in its ranks.

AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS

In the field of negotiations and labour relations, the Regroupement des FIQ actions, while taking into account the specificity of its membership, aim to promote and strongly uphold the right to free collective bargaining, and to decent working and living conditions, as well as the right to work in a sound, violence-free environment.

AN ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON HEALTH CARE

Key actor in the health sector, the Regroupement des FIQ has a leading responsibility in the debates on the accessibility, free-of-charge nature, universality and quality of healthcare services.

The Regroupement des FIQ participates in the debates on the choices to be made in health services and makes it a point to denounce all sorts of abuse. It is committed, in this respect, to promoting and defending the public's right to health and the right of nursing and cardiorespiratory healthcare professionals to deliver care in an atmosphere of respect and dignity.

AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The Regroupement des FIQ recognizes that a society cannot progress without promoting women's rights. For this reason, it is actively involved, together with other women's groups, in promoting and upholding these rights, and publicly denouncing the iniquities and prejudices suffered by women. More specifically, the Regroupement des FIQ pursues the struggle to counter poverty and violence, a struggle already begun by the international women's movement and part of a context that threatens the fundamental rights of women.

AN ORGANIZATION UNDER THE BANNER OF SOLIDARITY

The Regroupement des FIQ initiates and strengthens solidarity with labour, feminist and community groups, in accordance with its general orientations, whether at the regional, provincial or international level. It also works to reinforce solidarity among its members.

AN ORGANIZATION WHICH RECOGNIZES ITS UNION REPRESENTATIVES

The Regroupement also recognizes the key role of the union representatives in the organization achieving its mission, namely for their invaluable knowledge of the work setting as healthcare professionals. It is committed to supporting and setting up the conditions that will ensure a succession for those who would want to get involved in the organization as elected officers, coordinators or employees.

AN ORGANIZATION GRATEFUL FOR AND RESPECTFUL OF THE EMPLOYEES

The Regroupement des FIQ recognizes the key role of the employees in the organization achieving its mission. It is committed to supporting and promoting the employees actions in a perspective of involvement and activism, at both the union and social level. It is also committed to deploying the necessary means to develop and promote the employees' commitment.