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## Emerging Young Women Leaders Congress 2015

***“Active participation of women is vital for peace, democracy, rule of law, justice & equality”*** Tawakkol Karman Noble Peace Laureate.

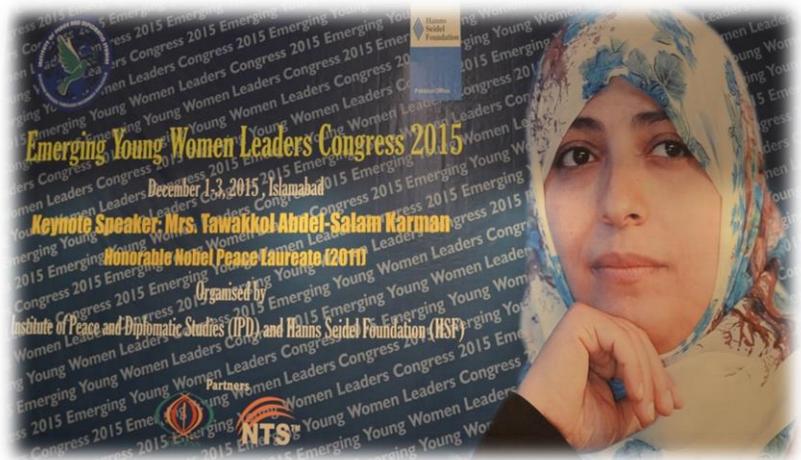
Women should struggle for comprehensive solutions to build a society based on peace, democracy, rule of law, justice, equality and freedom. They should also raise their voice against injustices, corruption, illiteracy,

poverty in the society; their voice must be loud as we as women are the solution to every problem – fighting for the women’ right is likely to fight against custom. It was stated by Ms. Tawakkol Addel-Salam Karman Noble Peace Laureate, first Muslim Arab lady awarded with Noble Peace Prize in 2011 at Emerging Young Women Leaders Congress 2015 organized by Institute of Peace & Diplomatic Studies (IPD) and Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSP) in partnership with Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences Pakistan (IUCPSS) and National Testing Service - Pakistan (NTS).

She said that the governments, institutions and laws should guarantee active participation of women in all walks of life. In this regard, special quota should be reserved.” In my opinion, the



quota for women should be 60%” she added. The political parties should also ensure effective representation of women in general elections. Women must struggle of inclusion women’s social and economic liberty in the constitution and law. “Pakistan is country of Fatima Jinnah, Benazir Bhutto and Malala Yousafzai and women from all over the world especially Muslim women are proud of their dedicated contribution”, Mrs. Karman remarked.



She was of the view that economic liberty is the only way to achieve the desired goals aiming at women empowerment. She emphasized the young women to put their maximum efforts for bringing about positive changes in the society. In her welcome remarks, President IPD Ms. Farhat Asif shared the objectives of the congress and shed light on low representation of young women in various spheres of life in Pakistan.

She extended thanks to the organizers and collaborative efforts of IPD, HSF and IUCPSS for promoting peace and democratic values in the society.

Resident Representative Hanns Seidel Foundation, Mr. Kristof W.Duwaerts lauded the efforts and contribution of Pakistan women for promoting peace and democracy.

The event was attended by diplomats, women parliamentarians and party leaders, senior government official and young women from all over the county.

