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WAGGGS World Board Chair tells girls WAGGGS represented each of their WAGGGS members at Rio+20 (where WAGGGS “pushed progressive messaging around reproductive rights”). See above link or screenshots below

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## Rio+20 delegates' blog

**The Rio+20 delegates are using this blog to record their experiences. Stay tuned for updates!**

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### After Rio+20...

*Nadine El Achy, Chair, World Board* Wednesday 18th July 2012

Rio was the time and space to imagine the future 7 billion people want so that we have a new vision for a common future, with the imagination and creativity to achieve it...a future where we have international justice and global equity, where the gap between wealth and poverty, hunger and excess is minimized.

We know that beyond words and agreements, it will require from all governments and civil societies a holistic, multicultural, multigenerational and urgent response to ensure climate stabilisation in the future, and to address the huge injustices and inequalities being aggravated by its impacts.

Although the text was not as inspiring as civil societies would have wanted we all know that without a legally binding international agreement there is no obligation to act, and we know also that youth will without any doubt go beyond the compromise the government reached.

The evidence shows that women's economic contribution is central to the development of countries, as it is central to tackling climate change. If we are to find effective solutions to climate change, then we have to include all of those who can make a difference. Ignoring or undervaluing the contribution of girls and women restricts the potential for collaboration, innovation and our capacity to act efficiently. When women enjoy equal rights and opportunities, poverty, hunger and poor health decline and economic growth rises.

**Each one of you will have a role to play...**

The WAGGGS delegates at Rio+20 represented each one of our WAGGGS members: YOU - in this process. They were negotiating on the text, lobbying on behalf of girls and young women and showing once again that WAGGGS has a key role to play in unlocking the potential of girls and women and including them more fully in decision making with the accounting of how women already are driving growth.

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Our lobbying on gender equality and sexual and reproductive health rights unfortunately did not result in text amendments. However WAGGGS did assist with pushing progressive messaging around reproductive rights and Caroline Spelman (UK Environment Minister) told us that the mention of reproductive rights in UK Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's address to the conference was because of WAGGGS lobbying on the subject.

“ Nick Clegg: *I am pleased to see that the centrality of reproductive health and family planning to sustainable development has been recognised in the outcome document. This includes creating an enabling environment in which reproductive rights, particularly those of women and adolescent girls, can be realised. The UK will continue to be a strong champion for sexual and reproductive health and rights.* ”

