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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
At the first meeting of the
United Nations, the Alliance
played a prominent part
through two of its most
active presidents, Mr. Street
of Australia and Mrs. Bertha
Lutz of Brazil. In the solemn
Declaration there was to be
"no discrimination on the
ground of race, religion, etc.
including sex." The British
delegation were typically
not in favour of the addition
of sex which it deemed
unnecessary but Bertha
Lutz made an unpredisposed
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 looth to aknowledge 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)