



## **Closing of the 5th International Action**

### **World March of Women's Declaration**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 the feminists from the World March of Women, in more than 50 countries and territories, will get to the closing of our 5th International Action, which has framed our collective action since 8<sup>th</sup> of March of this year. The pandemic has not deterred our movement, quite the opposite: today more than ever, in the face of the authoritarian and reactionary escalation of capital: We resist to live, we march to transform!

Our slogan has become more relevant during these times. The feminist solidarity that has always been our principle has turned into our core practice in order to guarantee communal life, under attack by a pandemic crisis caused by the capital. The strength of women is irrepressible : to sustain the world and to transform it.

In our communities, cities and countries, we live thanks to a economy that does not stop, even for COVID-19. It is the economy that sustains life: carers, farmers, handicraftwomen, and different economic circuits that have been activated and have guaranteed the production of healthy foods and truly indispensable services.

The pandemic is progressing unevenly; and it is evident how the political leadership of governments and corporate power has defined the impact of COVID-19 on our peoples. A policy of death has been reinforced against the poorest, the black, peripheral and indigenous populations.

During these times, women in Palestine experience the harshest of crimes related to the occupation of their territory, the same oppression expressed in several ways over women in the Middle East, Africa and North Africa, especially in Libya, Syria, Western Sahara Republic, Lebanon, Yemen and Sudan. In addition, territories like Cuba and



Venezuela experience the reinforcement of the imperialist attack on popular sovereignty, with its blockades and threats of military interventions.

In our places of life and struggle, we denounce the use of the pandemic as an excuse to increase the militarization of territories and the criminalization of social movements, that will open more doors to the power of multinational corporations and indebtedness, attack democracies and expand the control of the surveillance technology over our life, our territories, and our work. It is a system that wants us silenced, demobilized, and overexploited. Because of that, we are under attack when we fight for our rights and self-determination.

So we say no! No to the call of the elites and right-wing governments to return to normality. What they call normality, we call racist, patriarchal and colonialist capitalism, where life has no place, where a few enrich themselves with the work and poverty of the majority, and to that we say enough! We, the ones who sustain the world with our energy, work and care, both in the global North and in the global South, say that it is time to build another normality, one where life and its sustainability are at the centre.

As an anti-capitalist and anti-racist women's movement we have been defending life for 20 years, and that is why we do not cease to confront sexist, racist and colonial violence and the advances of conservatism. Faced with this agenda of death, we set in motion the agenda of feminist economy, of common goods and of popular power. Our "we resist to live" is inseparable from the "we march to transform".

For us, the sustainability of life is: the self-determination of bodies and territories; the memory and ancestral knowledge; food sovereignty, family and peasant agriculture, and feminist agroecology; the care, production, distribution and consumption based on principles of eco-dependence and interdependence, on environmental, social and economic justice; the right to live in a healthy environment free from patriarchal and racist violence, free from transphobia and lesbophobia; the recognition that domestic and care work are indispensable for life; the support of anti-racist justice systems, that are at the service of the people, in a world without walls, where people who migrate are respected and not criminalized. The sustainability of life is only possible with free and sovereign peoples, popular power and democracy; with the de-commodification of life and the dismantling of the power of multinationals companies; with public services that guarantee social reproduction and the right of women to decide over



their bodies, among many other principles and political demands that we have been building in our daily resistance.

We bring our struggles and concrete practices that transform, our new ways of political action conceived from collective experiences and the implementation of counter-hegemonic alternatives, from solidarity and popular internationalism. We will keep fighting until we are all free, for our lives and for a future of equality, freedom, solidarity, justice and peace in all territories of this planet.

**We resist to live, we march to transform!**

World March of Women, 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2020