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WOMEN'S RIGHTS MATTER

Take your knee off our: Neck, Womb and Rights

8th march takes its origin: In 1910 Clara Zetkin, the leader of the women's office for the Social democratic party in Germany tabled the idea for an International Women's Day at the second international Conference of working women in Copenhagen'

If we are still at a stage where we need a day to claim women's rights, it means the goal has not yet been attained. While having a global perspective at the: social, economic, and political situation in the world, we are forced to conclude that we are very far from a world where there are equal rights for women and equity seem to be an alien notion.

There is not only one definition of being a woman. Women are multiple in respect to their different roles played in society. Roles determined by cultural aspects, imposed by political regimes or economics imperatives and personal choices.

We are gifted economists, we are the ones who manage tight budget in times of turmoil, high inflation, pandemics, wars, just to name a few. We have consistently and successfully maintained a spirit of resilience for the survival of our family and mankind.

But despite those endeavours, there is a constancy throughout the world. Women are still being exploited, underwaged, suffering from violence of all kinds, underrepresented in political economic and social spheres, lagging in a digital and technological world.

In this position paper we claim for measures and policies to be taken in favour of a more equal world by putting forward aspect of women's life which have been obtruded for too long due to a machismo vision of the world.

Women are by nature the first 'vehicle of production' in a world whose economy is based on human's labour or would it be more exact to say, exploitation of human's power and labour.

In that said world, we women are the only ones that can produce and deliver life. We give birth to humans who are qualified by economists as labour force.

Women suffer physically, at times psychologically in the process of Childbirth or to be more prosaic and cynical by delivering this potential labour force.

Being a woman means also having to menstruate, a physical and physiological process that prepare the body to produce, to be able to give birth.

It is now scientifically proved that in the process of this preparation for production, many women suffer from endometrioses, hormonal disorders, and the monthly bleeding.

When bearing the child during nine months of loving care there are undeniable physical upsets and disagreements. At times women's lives are at risk as no childbirth is without risk.

Breast feeding is also another blessed moment for the child and mother as it solidifies the bonds. But it has consequences on the mother's health if not well nourished and consequently on that of the child.



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All this to say that we women are central to the wellbeing and perennity of human race. But in this world ruled by profit and exploitation of all kinds, we the source of production (to speak a language all economic, social and political leaders understand.) are encountering all the risks, the sufferings, the backdrops without proper considerations, not to say accompaniments.

We are also the ones who look after the family, care for the elders, work for our own financial subsistence and that of our family. We are the guardians of cultural survival of our specific society. We are being attributed multiple roles and still being regarded as subhuman.

With this position paper we are claiming 12 measures that need to be taken for the creation of a more equal world.

We are not asking for favours towards women. We claim only our dues as partners in a worldwide economy where we are the main producers.

UNIVERSAL CLAIMS

1: 8th MARCH MUST BE A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

2: EACH AND EVERY COUNTRY MUST HAVE AT LEAST A BANK NOTE WITH THE 'EFFIGIE' OF A WOMAN WHO MARKED ITS HISTORY ON IT.

3: MENSTRUAL LEAVE MUST BE A RIGHT.

4: YEARS OF RETIREMENT MUST BE AT 55 FOR WOMEN.

5: EVERY WORKPLACE MUST HAVE A NURSERY AND A BREAST-FEEDING CORNER.

6: BREAST-FEEDING MOTHER MUST BENEFICIATE FROM FOOD SUPPLEMENTS.

7: ORPHANS VICTIMS OF EITHER FATHER'S OR MOTHER'S DEATH MUST BE PENSIONED.

8: HYGIENIC PADS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FREE IN EVERY SCHOOL, WORKPLACE AND PUBLIC TOILETS THROUGH AUTOMATIC DISTRIBUTORS.

9: WOMEN NEED TO BE GIVEN ACCESS TO LAND TO GROW FOOD AND ENSURE FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMME.

10: EACH POLICE STATION MUST HAVE A POLICEMAN WHO HAS BEEN PROPERLY TRAINED TO TAKE WOMEN'S COMPLAINTS IN CASES OF RAPES AND OTHER SEXUAL ABUSES AND VIOLENCES.

11: FEMINICIDE MUST BE SANCTIONED BY CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF 60 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

12: WE ARE ASKING FOR THOSE MEASURES TO BE PART OF A GENDER POLICY MAKING PROCESS IN VIEW OF A WORLD WHERE EQUALITY AND EQUITY WILL NO LONGER BE AN OPTION BUT A REALITY. WOMEN NEED TO BE CONSULTED AND BE PART OF THE DECISIONAL AND POLICY MAKING PROCESS.

Let's work together towards a common goal for a just society.

Another World Is Possible.

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