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Political Declaration of the Social Forum Feminist networks, organizations and collectives Fifth Regional Conference on Population and Development

Dear representatives of the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean, representatives of the United Nations System, fellow activists: We are gathered today at the fifth Regional Conference on Population and Development, almost eleven years after the adoption of the Montevideo Consensus and 30 years after Cairo, to reflect on the achievements, challenges and gaps in the implementation of this historic agreement.

From a feminist, human rights, youth, anti-racist, anti-ableism and intersectionality perspective, it is essential to address the diverse and complex realities of all human groups without discrimination. The networks and organizations of feminist, indigenous, Afro-descendant, lesbian, transgender, youth, elderly, disabled, sex workers, women with HIV, all human rights defenders and committed to the fulfilment of the Program of Action of the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and all international commitments emanating from it, we are present today to highlight:

That the Montevideo Consensus has been a crucial framework for advancing the protection and promotion of human rights in our region. We have seen improvements in access to sexual and reproductive health, inclusive education and political participation of women and other historically marginalized groups.

We especially recognize the advances in the legal frameworks that guarantee access to sexual and reproductive rights to transform them into public policies, as in the case of: decriminalization of abortion in some countries in the region, comprehensive sexuality education, gender parity, access to justice and protection in cases of gender-based violence, and budgets earmarked for exceptional cases.

However, these advances are insufficient, do not cover historically excluded populations and have been implemented unevenly and slowly during these almost eleven years. In fact, setbacks and threats of loss of rights have been identified in many countries of the region.

We are alarmed by the persistent inequality that exacerbates violence and the lack of access to rights. The prevalent conditions of violence against women, young people, adolescents and girls, in all their diversity, as well as against people with disabilities, both in the family and in the institutional sphere, are unacceptable.

We raise our voice against the violence that deepens in the case of girls, adolescents, youth and indigenous women, women of African descent, women living with HIV, women with





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disabilities, women in situations of forced displacement and migrants. We do not admit forced sterilizations and non-consensual institutionalization performed by State actors due to the logic of ableism.

We denounce that violence and hate crimes against LGBTIQ+ people in the region continue to increase. Attacks against lesbian, bisexual and queer/questioning women and transgender people continue to be ignored and invisibilized by state agents without a forceful response to prevent, address, document and care for such violence.

The lack of comprehensive responses to women victims of drug trafficking, trafficking and smuggling of women, girls and adolescents for sexual and labor exploitation is a serious problem. We also note the lack of structural and long-term policies to eradicate forced pregnancies, child motherhood and early child marriages and unions.

In our region, health and education systems have been weakened, and sexual and reproductive health services do not guarantee effective and quality universal access. Young people, especially those in vulnerable situations, continue to face significant barriers in access to education and decent employment.

The right to bodily and reproductive autonomy is not guaranteed, nor are mechanisms implemented for effective participation in decision-making to protect and promote the effective enjoyment of our sexual and reproductive rights.

People with disabilities continue to be marginalized and discriminated against in many areas of society, as are women drug users who are also excluded from health services.

Indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples suffer systemic exclusion that perpetuates poverty and limits their development opportunities. Sex workers and domestic workers face precarious working conditions, lack of recognition and absence of legal protection.

To progress towards full compliance with the agreements contained in the Montevideo Consensus we need:

1. That the States reaffirm their commitment to respect for secularism, equality and the strengthening of democracies.
2. Implement inclusive and accessible educational programs along with labour policies that guarantee decent and fair jobs for young people, especially those in vulnerable situations.
3. Guarantee universal, effective and quality access to sexual and reproductive health services, including modern contraceptive methods, treatment for people living with





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- HIV, hormonal treatment for transgender people, emergency contraception, information, supplies and services for safe abortion.
4. Abandon the use of criminal law to regulate abortion and guarantee -through comprehensive public policies- access to timely and quality services that ensure the reproductive autonomy of women, Trans and non-binary persons assigned female at birth.
 5. Mandatorily incorporate comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) on institutional curricula of basic education, ensuring the training of teachers within current normative frameworks, free of stereotypes, discrimination and violence.
 6. Decriminalize drug use and provide care services based on harm reduction and scientific information with a gender perspective.
 7. Strengthen the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ensuring their full participation in society and access to services and opportunities without discrimination and in community. Develop policies that address their specific needs, promote their effective participation in decision-making and ensure equitable access to resources and services, with materials in alternative and augmentative communication formats and with sign language interpretation at events and recordings.
 8. Guarantee the full participation of indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples, women and youth in the design, implementation and evaluation of legislative measures and public policies, increasing the development of materials in indigenous languages and access to services in their native language.
 9. Establish legal frameworks that recognize and protect labour rights, job security conditions and justice for women workers, including sex workers and domestic workers.
 10. Ensure a life free of violence and access to justice, and the free expression of sexual orientation and gender identity. As well as implement inclusive policies and protection against discrimination and violence towards LGBTIQ+ people, promoting a culture of respect, recognition and acceptance.
 11. Implement comprehensive responses for care and protection of women, girls and adolescents who suffer sexual violence.
 12. Promote and protect the rights of older adults, ensuring their access to quality health and care services, social and economic inclusion programs, and environments free of violence and discrimination. It is essential to develop public policies that recognize their valuable contribution to society and guarantee their well-being and dignity at all stages of life.
 13. Create community and home-based care and support networks to ensure that the elderly and people with disabilities can live in the community and outside of institutions.





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14. Implement public policies and programs to recognize and solve the burden of care for women, strengthening care systems, community care and advancing in social security coverage, also recognizing people with disabilities as caregivers.
15. Guarantee access to justice without prejudice based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity.
16. Promote judicial reforms, so that justice is accessible to all people, and prosecutors have resources for the investigation of femicides, trans-femicides and violence against women.
17. Intensify the response to the climate crisis recognizing its impact on the health conditions and rights of all people.

We demand that the governments of our region prioritize these actions in their political and budgetary agendas. To this end, it is imperative that they commit to:

1. Allocate sufficient public budgets for the implementation of inclusive, human rights and climate crisis response policies.
2. Strengthen accountability and transparency mechanisms to ensure that the commitments of the Montevideo Consensus are translated into concrete actions.
3. Promote the effective participation of civil society and feminist movements in the formulation and monitoring of public policies and protect women human rights defenders.
4. Strengthen socio-demographic and vital statistics, strengthening the capacities of national statistical systems to produce open, quality data, disaggregated by sex, age, residence, income, gender and ethnic-racial identity, migratory status, disability, sexual orientation, health status and other relevant characteristics.
5. Protect the Montevideo Consensus and other regional human rights agendas from fundamentalist anti-rights influences.

Civil organizations and the feminist movement have been and continue to be fundamental actors in advancing, proposing changes, generating debates and implementing the Montevideo Consensus, as well as in strengthening our democracies. It is crucial that governments recognize and support our work, ensuring spaces for effective participation and protecting the right to defend rights.

We reaffirm our commitment to the struggle for a more just, inclusive, equitable and democratic Latin America. We will continue to work tirelessly so that every person, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, health condition, or ability, can live with dignity and full equality of rights.





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Our feminist vocation for the construction of peace and freedom of peoples is an unwavering call for justice and human dignity. Whether in Cuba, Puerto Rico, Haiti or Palestine, we firmly oppose occupations, blockades and any form of domination that perpetuates oppression and suffering.

We conclude this statement by raising our voices for those whose freedom has been denied, weaving networks of solidarity and hope that transcend borders. Our commitment is to continue building a transformative force that challenges oppressive power, because feminism is a current of thought and action that questions patriarchal arrangements at all levels and we will continue to do so to build a future where peace, freedom and autonomy are inalienable rights for all people and all peoples.

Thank you very much.

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Red Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos, RedLAC
Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe de personas que usan Drogas LANPUD
Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Personas Trans (RedLacTrans)
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Red Mujer y Hábitat – LAC
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Alianza Colombiana por los Derechos Sexuales y los Derechos Reproductivos

Alianza de SSR/El Salvador

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Articulación Alerta Montevideo Bolivia

Articulación Feminista Campaña 28 de Septiembre Bolivia

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Comunidad de Derechos Humanos
Conexión Intercultural por el Bienestar y la Autonomía La Ceiba
Consortio Boliviano de Juventudes
Coordinadora 28 de Mayo Guatemala
Coordinadora de la Mujer Bolivia
Corporación Caribe Afirmativo
Corporación Colectiva Justicia Mujer
Corporación de Mujeres Ecofeministas Comunitar
Corporación Femm
Corporación Miles Chile
Corporación Popular La Caracola
Corporación Red Nacional de Mujeres de Cartagena de Indias y Bolivar
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Ecuador Violencias Cero
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