



WORLD MARCH OF WOMEN
THIRD INTERNATIONAL ACTION

Declaration of the European Feminist Gathering of the World March of Women

30 June 2010, Istanbul

Today, on 30 June 2010, over 500 women from 22 countries and territories gathered in Istanbul, Turkey for the European convergence of the 3rd International action of the World March of Women. By coming to Istanbul we express our solidarity with Turkish and Kurdish women in their struggle for women's rights and people's self-determination. We articulated our idea of an open, democratic and secular Europe where all women can enjoy and benefit from their rights as full citizens.

Our gathering is a result of the previous work that has been done in different countries, among them the construction of a balkan network as well as national meetings in different countries to prepare for this event.

We are meeting in a moment when governments and international institutions are using the economic and financial crisis to attack women's right and the achievements of social movements of the last 50 years.

We oppose and denounce these measures and we struggle against the worsening of working conditions and pension provisions. We struggle against privatisation of and budget cuts for public services and ask to reduce military budgets instead. We stand up against the rise of the far right, fundamentalisms and militarism as well as the criminalisation of social movements and the use of violence against women to suppress these movements. We oppose the sexual harassment against especially kurdish women and children as state policy as well as all kind of state based violence against women activists. We all stand with the women from the oppressed nations, that agreed to continue their struggle against nationalist, sexist and class exploitation.

Together as an international feminist movement of grass roots women we will continue this struggle by organising and taking part in upcoming mobilisations as

- our international action for peace and demilitarisation in the Democratic Republic of Congo in October 2010
- the observation of the trial against 151 kurdish politicians, mayors, women's rights defenders and trade union members in Diarbaky in October 2010
- the Euromarches against precarity and unemployment in Brussels in October 2010.
- the countersummit to the NATO summit in Portugal in November 2010.
- the demonstration of the European Trade Union Confederation in September 2010
- the construction of a european forum on food sovereignty in Austria in 2011



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We call on social movements to connect to the many struggles of the people that are taking place locally and unite them at a continental level, as we are doing it in the World March of Women. Now is the moment to join these struggles in order to overcome capitalism, patriarchy and racism.

Change the world to change women's lives. Change women's lives to change the world.