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Fórum de Política Feminista

To fight neoliberalism, feminism.

Spain, Europe and most of the world, its being swept by the third wave of the COVID 19 and in the midst of the pandemic women dare to commemorate on 8th March, the Women's Rights International Day, because we are suffering the worst part of the present health, economic and social crisis that aggravates women's precarious living conditions.

Labour's sphere: As workers, women experience an important decrease in employment, while part-time work, temporary and private employment caring for dependent people are arising quite high under low labour rights conditions.

Sexist violence is present in every sphere of women's life: Personal, work, social, networks, institutions. Suffering lack of protection and abandonment in refugee camps, wars, illegal blockades, forced migrations due to hunger and violence.

The misogynistic harassment, which grows exponentially through social networks, does not stop: the rise of the international pimp mafia, the impunity in which pornography is socialized, the uncritical assumption of the patriarchy's proposals by public institutions, both in national and international regulations and by part of the social communication media, too.

In our country, this uncritical assumption of the patriarchy's proposals are reflected in the drafts of Trans and LGTBI Law projects.

Coupled with other forms of exploitation, such as the so-called surrogacy.

These are the most urgent issues that the Spanish feminist movement has to face at this time.

As part of the civil society, we denounce the neoliberal drift which leads to identity policies, we are committed to demand redistribution and representation policies instead, that address the problems known for a long time, our historical demands for equality:

Actions aimed at combating stereotypes and gender roles that condition women's access to all sectors and occupations.

Compliance, monitoring, implementation and improvement of the State Pact against Gender Violence.

We call on Governments to display legislative and criminal measures to suppress all forms of women trade and trafficking.

We demand a Law for the abolition of Prostitution.

We claim for the implementation of measures to protect single-mother families.

We demand the specific right of women's health to be protected.

We demand specific budgets for social, health, educational and care public services. These essential services for citizens shouldn't be abandoned in the hands of private companies that prioritize their benefits, as we have seen in nursing homes during the COVID pandemic. We demand public gender sensitive policies that put care of life into a collective objective, a commitment to joint responsibility by the State, so that the gender role or caring, traditionally on women shoulders, will be core responsibility of all, man, woman, enterprises and governments.

We remark the need of segregated by sex Data in all statistics and official records, eliminating records by gender that contravene the Organic Law of Equality 3/2007.

We demand that the economic and social reconstruction of our country must prioritize the achievement and consolidation of the economic autonomy of women, as a powerful key to achieve effective equality between women and men, to prevent gender based violence against women, to eliminate the gap in wages and pensions, to reach equal opportunities in labour market, to an equal distribution between man and woman of the time for caring in families, etc.

For all these reasons, 8th March is not a holiday, it is a day of recognition (as feminists, we recognize in our sisters the inequalities and violence that cross us due to the fact of being women, we recognize in our sisters the power to keep on fighting, we recognize in our sisters the right for a life free from gender based violence, a life worth of a living) we recognize in our sisters our vindications, because we know that we, as feminists, have the answers to end this structural inequality in which we live.

Therefore, this 8th March, in front of neoliberalism, feminism.

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