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DO NOT STAY SILENT ON NOVEMBER 25th “THERE IS AN UPRISING!”

As women, we will rise up on November 25th with an ever-strengthening struggle and unity against femicide, all forms of violence, poverty and attack against our rights.

November 25th, the day on which the Mirabal sisters (Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa), who stood up against the dictator Rafael Trujillo who had governed over the Dominican Republic from 1930 to 1961 and who were raped and killed by the dictator's soldiers, is a day that shows how violence against women and violence by governments go hand in hand, and one that shows how the violence towards women by the government is a form of oppression of society.

However, it is also a day that shows that the women's' struggle can overthrow dictators and raise up social struggle. As women from all over the world who embraced the struggle of the Mirabal sisters 61 years ago, we welcome today as a day of struggle and solidarity against all forms of violence.

Violence towards women increased during the pandemic.

The pandemic, which has been affecting the whole world for the past 2 years, negatively affected all people's aspects of living, but more so for women and aspects of their lives. The financial help that was given to monopolies by the EU under the guise of the pandemic are now being taken back from the people through higher taxes. Inflation affected the most basic needs such as food, shelter and energy while the purchasing power of the people was reduced due to a 0% wage increase for workers, labourers and pensioners resulting in further impoverishment. It falls to the women to put out the fire in the kitchen and create miracles to meet the needs of the household.

During the pandemic, the system for working flexibly and from home was especially made widespread with women, making their burdens heavier and their labour even more invisible.

The Wage Gap due to Immigration and Gender

Although the Istanbul Convention has been signed and put into effect by many European countries, the implementation of the provisions for immigrant women, in particular, are prevented by governments. By making reservations in terms of the sections about migrant women in the convention, it paves the way for migrant women to submit to domestic violence, to remain silent about the sexual/physical violence they are subjected to in refugee hostels, and to become scapegoats for others in society and racists, so as not to be deported. The "prevention of violence with gender awareness" action stipulated by the Convention is not existent in almost any European country.

The need for young productive forces in almost all EU countries is met through the use of refugees as cheap labour. Especially in service sectors such as care and health, refugee and migrant women are employed with a wage difference of up to 40%. As such, when immigrant-domestic wage inequality is added to the gender-based wage inequality, we see that women are victimised the most.

Since all these inequalities created by the system returned to women in the form of various derivatives of violence, the tally of the murder of women has become intolerable. Up to the end of September 2021 in Germany, 103 women and 20 children, including a baby, were murdered by their closest men, 120 women and 6 children, were fortunate enough to come back from the brink of death. 95 women were killed in France, 75 in Italy, 25 in Austria, 24 in Switzerland, 20 in Spain and 17 in Belgium. But we know that this data is just the tip of the iceberg. While billions of euros worth of support was given to the monopolies during the pandemic process, the construction of new women's shelters and the taking of necessary precautions were not even on the agenda.

While All Kinds of Violence Against Women Increases, the Women's Struggle Also Grows...

The first response to the imperialists, who are trying to create a suppressed and assimilated society under the pretext of the pandemic, came from women... While the sovereigns are trying to lock women back into their homes with their calls to "stay at home", women from all over the world; call out that they "will not pay the bill for your crisis!" and for "women to take to the streets and rebel". As such, the crisis created by the pandemic; While encouraging to the growth of international women's solidarity, at the same time, the resisting women have instilled courage in the society.

This 25th November, as the New Woman; We call on all women to shout out our demands and stand up for our rights, for a world where the names of women are on the news for their achievements and the values that they have created, not the violence they have experienced.

In spite of those who try to take away the rights that women have won through their organised struggle, through the excuse of the pandemic, TAKE TO THE STREETS, TO REVOLT!

- **Women are Resisting, The Struggle grows!**
- **Women, Life, Resistance!**
- **Women are Life, Life is Resistance!**