

RESOLUTION Approved in the XVI WIDF CONGRESS (with one abstention)

BOGOTA, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016

For recognition of the role of women and the sovereignty of the people! Against the interference of imperialism! Against the step backwards in women's rights. For world peace! Solidarity towards women in their fight for social justice and progress!

Considering that WIDF's history is grounded on expressing solidarity towards the peoples that fought and continue to fight of freedom, self-determination, development and peace, always expressing solidarity towards the fights for national independence and sovereignty, against colonialism and apartheid;

Considering that WIDF promotes solidarity actions with several women's organisations and their people who work towards better living conditions in their countries, solidarity which extends to all those fighting against oppressive and exploitative forces in every corner of the world and to the governments which rightly protect the ideals of freedom, progress and development of their people, the political changes necessary to promote the wellbeing of their people and the sovereignty of their countries;

Considering the new challenges that women currently face, with armed conflicts, the growing environmental issues and the increasing social and gender inequalities, to which a great number of women lead by WIDF have been able to successfully address, making us all proud in their prompt action;

Considering the new forms of communication that allow us to interact quickly and in truthfulness, WIDF now has better conditions to strengthen of its Organisation and intervention in the five regions of the planet,

The XVI WIDF CONGRESS, convened in BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA, from 15th to 18th September 2016, expresses its strong solidarity towards the ceasefire and peace process in Colombia, agrees to strive for its realisation and commits to intervene near international organisations such as the UN and others organisations working towards achieving a long-term peace.

WIDF and its affiliated organisations pledge to increase their action, by supporting:

1. The fight of women in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the people of Latin America who fight for a more just and free world, the end of the US embargo to Cuba, a legally elected government in Brazil and Ecuador's Citizens' Revolution, also under a great threat.

2. The fight of women and African people living in armed conflict regions, embracing the fights for peace in the world with determination and confidence, which mobilise women and vast democratic and patriotic sectors, by promoting a culture of mutual respect, independence and sovereignty, with the unwavering recognition of the right of the people to freely decide their destiny. We demand respect for the democratic state in Guinea-Bissau and for the outcome of the recent elections, as well as the end of the conflicts in the Great Lagos region.
3. WIDF highlights as main priority its solidarity towards the Sahrawi Republic which has been fighting for independence for over 40 years, with part of its people living in encampments in the liberated areas but under an unprecedented humanitarian crisis and another significant part of the population living in the areas occupied by the Kingdom of Morocco, under a fierce climate of repression with unlawful arrests and atrocities. In a complete disregard for UN resolutions, Morocco continues to make threats of military invasion. The women and the people demand justice and a referendum for self-determination. We demand the UN Security Council to swiftly intervene and end the occupation of the last colony in Africa.
4. WIDF takes a stand against violence and the wars in many countries which were instigated by capitalist interests and are based on a neo-colonialist vision where, as the result of wars of occupation, the people are facing poor living conditions, death, malnutrition, disease, and a permanent uncertainty about the future. WIDF will coordinate the fight for women's rights with the fight for freedom from imperialism and the end of monopolies by striving to build a society where people live happily, where wealth is distributed according to the needs and overall wellbeing. The difficulties of the exploitative system in which we live in are intensified by the imperialist aggression and strategically located wars which have caused millions of refugees and victims of this aggression.
5. WIDF does not ignore the massive destruction caused by wars, the squandering of natural and cultural resources, the millions of orphaned and abandoned children, the results of profit eagerness and exploitation by the great magnates.

WIDF supports and expresses its solidarity towards North Korean women who are living in one of the hottest regions of the world where the provocations and hostile manoeuvres of the US reached an unprecedented situation. Under the pretext of lack of human rights in North Korea, the US discredited and falsified information, hitting at the head of State of a sovereign country. WIDF, in defence of justice and peace, demands that the US renounces their anachronistic policy of hostility against North Korea, agree to a peace treaty and withdraws

its troops from the DPRK and suspends international pressure to quell the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. WIDF supports the commitment of the Korean people and women for the reunification to the motherland independently and without the intervention of foreign forces.

WIDF support the fight of Filipinas for fair peace in their country and denounces the armed conflicts that have caused their people's poverty and social injustice, affecting millions of women.

WIDF and its affiliated organisations have great concerns with the growing militarism of China in Asia with the violation of the international law by China in the East Sea (or South China Sea) and the violation of the sovereignty of the Philippines and Vietnam, among others.

WIDF fully supports the fight of women for peace, justice and respect for international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and the right of women to defend the sovereignty of their country and supports the struggle of Japanese women for peace and abolition of nuclear weapons.

WIDF expresses its special solidarity towards the victims of Agent Orange (dioxin chemical substance) in Vietnam, launched on the population by the US military, and requires the manufacturers of Agent Orange and US government to assume their responsibilities towards these victims.

WIDF affiliated organisations will be vigilant against the dark plans of US imperialism aimed at sabotaging the fights of women for fair peace in the Philippines, like anywhere in the world where imperialism practice is similar.

WIDF expresses solidarity towards with women and people in the Arab region, against the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary offensive that hides behind the religious and ethnic wars, feeding groups of terrorist mercenaries, and in cohorts with Israel, opposes the recognition of the Palestinian state, disrespects the UN recommendations, sharpens attacks on the Gaza strip and stimulates the apartheid wall. Given that, in the Arab region, peace will only be achieved when the central issue of Palestine is resolved, once the occupation for over 60 years by Israel with the increasing and incessant occupation of the West Bank by Israel, the oppression and persecution of women and children in the Gaza strip and throughout the territory of Palestine ends, WIDF stands with the right of the Palestinian people for an independent state with borders established in 1967, with the capital in Jerusalem and the right of refugees to return to their land in accordance with Resolution 194.

The wars in Syria, Libya, Yemen and Iraq are clear examples of how imperialism wants to control natural resources and oil. Women are the most sacrificed in areas of armed conflict. They are victims of murder, physical and sexual violence, travel and migration and suffer a living hell in areas controlled by terrorist groups.

WIDF expresses solidarity towards the fight of the women of Cyprus for urgent resolution of the occupation of its territory divided into two zones in a bi-communal federation, with political equality, as prescribed in the relevant international law and Security Council resolutions of United Nations, in respect for human rights and freedom of the people.

We are witnessing a new arms race, the proliferation of military bases in the region of Ukraine, the criminal action of the armed Nazi brigades by the US, joining OTAN's decision to triple the staff of its "Brigade Rapid Intervention", to increase its intervention in Georgia and Ukraine, the decision of the US Congress to provide 'lethal' weapons to the fascist government of Ukraine, elements that together constitute authentic preparations for a possible world war.

Imperialism moves forward with new and sophisticated military operations of OTAN to Russia's borders. This is all the more dangerous as it develops in the context of a deep and prolonged capitalist crisis and it is clear the temptation of the most reactionary and aggressive big business sectors to resort once again to fascism and war to resolve its contradictions and, at the cost of colossal human and material destruction, restore the capital production conditions, just like in the World War II. In the commercial economic plan, these forces support the transatlantic free trade agreements (TTPI) between Europe and the US, along with the transpacific agreement (CEPA) to place trade policy in line with the economic and monetary war framework of the main imperialist powers.

With its XVI Congress, WIDF reinforces its support towards the fight of women and people for their independence and self-determination, the cornerstones to halt the actions of authoritarianism and militarism inherent to capitalism and imperialism.

With confidence in the strength and participation of women, the development of their countries and their international organisation under the auspices of WIDF, we will be actors

in the development and progress, social justice and a peaceful world, a world where our bodies and our talents can flourish and contribute to a more just and human world.