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'SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AT THE CORE OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT'

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Latin American & Caribbean and European Alliance for a 2030 Feminist Agenda. Sexual and Reproductive rights at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The 2030 Feminist Agenda is being spearheaded by the international alliance of entities, groups, networks and social movements which share the perspective of intersectional feminism to defend Sexual and Reproductive Rights and the Human Rights of Women as priorities on their action agendas and everyday advocacy.

Sexual and Reproductive Rights have to be at the core of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The legal approach to Human Rights, expressed in conventions and other instruments on the Human Rights of Women, is essential but not sufficient to cause a change in the culture and social, cultural and symbolic practices upholding unequal gender relations. For this reason, intersectional feminism demands a shift in the patriarchal paradigm to achieve social transformation by conferring feminist political content on the international Human Rights instruments and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This alliance is clearly positioned in defence of the Human (social, economic, political, civil, cultural, reproductive and sexual) Rights of Women throughout their lifecycle, and the right to health in a holistic sense, as it is conceived by the World Health Organisation (WHO). It revives the women's historical claims for reproductive freedom and control over their own bodies as both a philosophical-political principle and women's right to enjoy their sexuality freely, with scientific information and without being

the target of any kind of violence or discrimination. The exercise of the right to health and the affirmation of women's citizenship and political participation must become universal and equitable, and sexual citizenship is part of this.

In order to guarantee these rights, which are fundamental, state secularism and peace must emerge as the fundamental conditions of the life, integrity and health of women and of the population at a whole, as well as the commitment to prevent and eradicate violence against women and opposition to all forms of discrimination based on sex, ethnicity/race, class, gender identity or sexual orientation.

In order to track and monitor the commitments taken by the institutional spaces and public policies, we shall focus on 6 key issues and ask for accountability in each of them:

- 1 **Comprehensive sexuality education** as an essential, compulsory part of curricula which helps people get the information, tools and motivation needed to take free, autonomous and informed decisions on sex and sexuality. Sexuality education should be the space for understanding sexuality and sexual and gender diversity by fostering non-discrimination and affective, equal relationships, among others. It is an instrument based on Human Rights which is capable of transforming relations among genders and eliminate relations based on power and oppression, which also contributes to eradicating violence against women.
- 2 **The Care Economy**, to contribute to recognising its importance and social and economic centrality. Its redistribution is viewed as something that should go beyond the boundaries and privacy of the home with a new social organisation which places caregiving and the reproduction of life with a feministic perspective at the core so that its value and contribution to the economy of countries and the world is recognised and addressed with committed public policies, and it is provided in a socially-conscious way by governments, families and employers.
- 3 **Secularism and fundamentalism.** The importance of States being secular and for those that already are to act as such and facilitate the creation of policies to re-appropriate spaces that guarantee Human Rights and Sexual and Reproductive Rights. Fundamentalism uses authoritarian-emotional manipulation, disinformation and extreme interpretations of religions via specific state or non-state actors to gain power and money, spread their social control and undermine the foundations of democracy and the rule of law.
- 4 **Abortion and contraception.** Adopting a Sexual and Reproductive Rights approach means that these rights not only guarantee access to sexual and reproductive healthcare but that they also guarantee women's autonomy, without any discrimination, to take their own decisions on everything related to their sexuality, including reproduction. Universal, informed access to contraceptives and free legal abortion are fundamental rights which are essential to bodily survival and to the self-determination of women in all spheres of life.
- 5 **Violence against women.** Promoting policies to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls and eliminate the social structures and cultural stereotypes that perpetuate them, while recognising the rights of the women who suffer from this violence throughout the entire process: prevention, care, protection and sanction, recovery and reparation.
- 6 **Hate speech / stigma and discrimination (LGBTI+ and Feminisms)** mean the exclusion of and direct attack on individuals or groups who are marginalised and/or discriminated against because of prejudices, beliefs or hasty assessments, without either grounding or certainty, often without even knowing the people, which influences and conditions viewpoints and ways of acting.

This manifesto is the framework of consensus of the parties in the alliance to establish the political advocacy and participative actions and global and local leadership needed to incorporate the feminist perspective into the defence of women's rights. This alliance will work in both the global sphere and international and regional forums as well as in the local and regional spheres to define instruments so that governments can incorporate a cross-cutting, feminist viewpoint into their SDG development plans.

The following organisations and networks of entities and associations are promoting the 2030 Feminist Agenda manifesto:

