

## **Process plan for the preparation of the World Women's Conference of rank-and-file women 2011 in Venezuela**

The **initiative committee for the World Women's Conference 2011 in Venezuela was constituted**. It consists of women's organizations from Venezuela (rank-and-file women's movement "Ana Soto"), from Ecuador ("Ecuadorian Women's League for Change", CONFEMEC), from Argentina and Germany (Women's Political Counsel). The initiative committee met in Venezuela from 29 February until 8 March and adopted a call, basic principles and a process plan for the World Women's Conference in 2011.

The preparations and decisions on the documents were the result of an intense exchange of views and experiences among the delegations. The initiative committee addressed the organizations, initiatives and institutions which are assigned with women's policy by the Government and the National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. As a result of intense consultations, 170 activists and representatives of various organizations of the women's movement in Venezuela support the idea of a World Women's Conference in 2011 with their signature. The talks aimed at reaching consensus on the basic aspects of the process of the preparation of the conference. With a variety of methods, the exchange of opinions with women's organizations and personalities of the women's movement from 20 countries in Europe, Asia, America and Africa was continued. These also support a World Women's Conference of rank-and-file women in Venezuela in 2011.

With the worldwide publication of the documents, a process **for winning activists** and supporters begins. We call upon all organizations and the women of the world to become signatories of the documents and to win over political, logistical and financial support.

The multilingual **website** [www.weltfrauenkonferenz.de](http://www.weltfrauenkonferenz.de) or [www.womensworldconference.org](http://www.womensworldconference.org) will be built up further; the delegation of the Women's Political Counsel in Germany took over the responsibility for that. At the same time, it is recommended that the participating organizations set up websites in the different languages in their countries, regions and continents.

The **delegations from Latin America** will initiate a process of continental unification in order to guarantee the success of the conference. Under the coordination of the rank-and-file women's movement "Ana Soto", they will take over the responsibility for collectively hosting the conference in the Republic of Venezuela.

In coordination with the rank-and-file women's movement "Ana Soto", the women's organizations of Venezuela are requested to continue the talks with President Chávez, as well as with the Women's Ministry of the government of Venezuela, and to reach agreements with them, as well as with the representatives of the Commission for Women, Families and Youth of the Venezuelan government, about the cooperation with respect to logistics, finances, publicity work and advertising.

The **next meeting of the initiative committee** will take place in Duesseldorf/Germany in connection with the Women's Political Counsel from 3 to 5 October 2008. Among other things, the topics of the World Women's Conference shall be discussed and decided upon there, as well as regulations for forming the future delegations for the General Assembly. The state of the preparations will be ascertained, and consultations will take place over the worldwide support and how the initiative committee be made known publicly. Its enlargement will be consulted upon.

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Three years before the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first celebrations for March 8<sup>th</sup> and the World Women's Conference in Venezuela in 2011.

