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To the Women of Europe Call for International Women's Day, March 8

Dear women,

March 8 we go out on the streets and hold rallies and other activities together with millions of other women all over the world. International Women's Day is one of the common days of action and struggle of the World women – those women worldwide who are preparing and will be holding the 2nd World Women's Conference of grassroots women in Kathmandu/Nepal from 13 to 18 March, 2016.

Women's consciousness and internationalist cooperation is growing, worldwide and in Europe. In the Europe wide actual refugee disaster, refugee women and their children often are the most affected — and women often are in the forefront, when it comes to organizing international solidarity and practical help on grass-roots level.

Women are standing up against sexism and racism! After the most probably organized sexual and criminal attacks on women on New Year in Cologne and other cities of Germany the women's movement organized protest actions against sexual harassment and against the efforts of reactionary forces to turn this into racist discrimination of all male refugees. Women's organizations outside from Germany, like in Paris/France immediately positioned themselves likewise.

Working Women are standing up in defence of their jobs and against low pay and social disregard for women's work and so called women's jobs. The cleaning women and the care workers in the Netherlands are leading a hard struggle for their jobs and for a humane standard in the care for their clients. They organized and formed new connections like cooperation in mutual support with the dock workers. The mainly female workers in Ger-

man day-care facilities led a resolute strike for better wages, working conditions and for more recognition in society for the very important work for the future they do. In spite of often difficult consequences for the children's parents they were widely supported by them. Women's movement and workers' movement are growing together.

Women are standing up for the preservation of the natural foundations of human life! Worldwide they often stand in the front-line of struggles against destructive mining methods and the plundering of their countries natural resources, against the poisoning of humans, deformation of foodstuff and of health by environmentally destructive production methods and for a life in unity with nature.

"Women are climbing the highest mountains!" is the motto of the call to the 2nd World Women's Conference of grass-roots women. There are many mountains and obstacles to overcome for the liberation of women. Develop solid self-confidence against the widespread sexist evaluation of girls and women who are often judged by their looks and figure and experience sexual harassment and violence. Step over the mountain of housework and responsibility for family and children and decide to take over responsibility for organized engagement for the liberation of woman. Work out the consequences of defeats and disappointments and find new ways to organize and continue the struggle, like many women in Greece need to, since Tsipras' Syriza government submitted to the EU Troika dictate.

Women are standing up in the struggle for the liberation of women, freedom and democracy! The women in Kobanê and Rojava and the women in Nepal successfully brave fascist attacks and imperialist blockades – trusting in the solidarity of the women of the world. We will meet in Kathmandu, learn from each other, form new links and help each other to organize better and better in our countries. Let's climb all those mountains – all together we can do it!

So: Women of the world let us mobilize to get all this together in Kathmandu for the World Women's conference! Let us form close links with one another all over the world and coordinate and combine our struggles. Let us learn together and from each other for all the qualifications we will need to master the future tasks and conquer a bright future for woman and humankind. The World Women's Conference will be very important for getting a global view and for the encouraging feeling of never being alone but having strong friends and allies in the women all over the world.

Take courage, collect money, decide to participate and become in one way or other organized and part of this future oriented World Women's Process!

Full information on the World Women s Conference:

www.worldwomensconference.org