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TOWARDS THE FEMINIST STRIKE

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Do you want to participate in the Feminist Strike?

We are calling a strike on paid and all forms of unpaid work, no consumption and studying:

CARE STRIKE - UNPAID WORK

We stop caring for others to draw attention on the fact that we need to share the care work, not that we want to stop doing it - we believe in caring for others.

Some things we can do:

- Talk with the people in your circle, friends, family, about how to distribute care and domestic work fairly, from 8M's week onward.
- Organise the collective care of the children during 8M.
- Do not do housework on 8M: no cooking, cleaning, washing, laying, ironing, etc.

LABOR STRIKE

A labour strike means not performing paid labour in companies, businesses, factories, public health services, education, care, etc. - as if we physically disappeared from all those spaces during 8M.

We can:

- Campaign at work, explaining the reasons for the strike, discussing employment conditions for women in your sector, holding informative meetings about the strike with union reps.
- Learn about legal issues.
- If you are a home helper, an undocumented migrant worker, employed in a small business and you can't possibly join the strike, you may be able to organise activities to explain and promote the strike.

CONSUMER STRIKE

We won't do any shopping, we'll avoid consumption as much as possible.

We want to build alternative consumer strategies that respect our rights and our lives.

These are some ideas that we can follow:

- We propose not to buy any product or service, beyond those essential for the survival of that day (electricity, transport, water, etc.)
- Avoid consumption in shops where women are in poor working and/or living conditions. We want the rights of women workers to be respected.

We understand that a one-day consumer strike doesn't make much of a difference, that's why we suggest that your purchases throughout all of March are conscious and sustainable.

STUDENTS STRIKE

We invite students at primary, secondary schools and universities to join the strike, because education in all its stages is the key socialising space in which capitalist and patriarchal values are passed on and is far from being a space in which children grow up with equality.

How do we propose to go on strike?

- Do not attend school on 8M. Do you have an exam or class in which your attendance is recorded? You have the right to strike in your country: talk to the management team of your institution to solve it.
- Organise actions for 8M's strike. Inform and debate about the situation of female students: undermining, humiliation, invisibility, harassment, etc.

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At the cry of *“not one less, we want to stay alive”*, in 2016 and 2017 millions of women all over the world went on strike.

This year we can go further and go on a strike that doesn't limit itself to the narrow definition of “work” and covers all forms of unseen labour women do everyday.

2018's strike is going beyond paid work, we won't buy anything, we won't do any domestic and care work, we won't study, to show the world that, if we don't work, nothing works: we stop being productive and reproductive. And that's what we call a Feminist Strike.

- We stand against sexist violence.
- We stand for our birth right to decide about our own bodies.
- We stand for the acknowledgment of the value and rights of domestic work and care.
- We stand for social justice; for housing, health and education for all and for a sustainable planet.
- We stand against wars and borders that thwart the lives of thousands of women, children and men.
- We stand united to transform our relationships, our lives and the economy.
- We stand to get together, all of us, to discuss how we can create a fair society.

VIOLENCE

We stand because

- we miss all the women killed for being women.
- thousands of women suffer from ill treatment by partners or ex-partners who still believe that they own our bodies.
- we are raped by men who think they own our bodies and deny us our humanity with the protection of the State and society.
- sexist violence is domination, it prevent us from being in charge of our lives and bodies, even from the right to walk in the street without fear.

We say ENOUGH

to all violence in all areas of our lives: at home, at work, in public spaces like transport, streets, squares; with partners, family, colleagues, society at large and state institutions.

BODY

To be in charge of our bodies, our desire and our choices, social institutions must stop interfering - society at large, religious authorities and the State must guarantee our freedom and rights in a context of equality.

We want our sexual and reproductive rights to be effective and benefit ALL women, regardless of age, the condition of migrants, our sexual and gender identity.

We want lesbian, bisexual and trans women to stop being discriminated against and gain visibility.

There isn't just one Family model, this needs to be acknowledged and accepted.

BORDERS

We acknowledge that we are diverse, so we join the common fight against racist violence that is at much in the streets as at work and in our own attitudes.

We stand against *Leyes de Extranjeria* (laws for foreigners) and CIEs that criminalise and deny rights to migrant women, making them even more vulnerable.

We do not want borders that leave women and children who escape wars, economic, social or environmental crises, to be subjected to exploitation, sexual violence, trafficking and abuse. And we want the Mediterranean to stop being a mass grave.

ECONOMY

We want a new economic model, socially and environmentally sustainable, that protects all forms of life from patriarchy and capitalism's logic of profit and accumulation, causing inequality, power relations and destruction of natural resources.

We, the women, do the domestic and care work, essential for the social reproduction of life, in ever more precarious conditions, coping with cuts in health, social services and education.

We are the ones focusing on all forms of life; on access to all resources under conditions of equality and environmental sustainability; on fair wages - without gender gaps.

We are the ones who focus on community: neighbourhood relations and the management and sharing of assets to generate environments of mutual support.

