Civil Society Organization Bees

Sacred Land of Acteal

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Sisters and brothers.

Welcome everybody on this Holy Land of the Martyrs of Acteal, thank you to all for joining us in this march for International Women's Day.

This day is important for each of us, and is in memory of women who have fought and given their lives for the respect of the rights of women worldwide.

We are also reminded of our fellow women and girls who were brutally massacred in Acteal on December 22, 1997, by paramilitaries with direct links to the national government. 17 years after this crime the intellectual authors remain unpunished.

Today here in Acteal as in other parts of the world a diverse array of women's voices cry out the same demands for justice, for the right to life and respect for women's participation. Today our voices resonate throughout the world, demanding peace with justice and dignity.

For more than 500 years here in the Americas women have been subjected to discrimination and violation of our human rights. From the slaughter of Acteal, where most victims were women and girls and today where women are still threatened and their rights violated. Even in our communities there are men who do not allow the participation of women in meetings and assemblies; Therefore we demand that the rights of women are respected, but that is not just today, but every day and everywhere in the world.

In the municipality of Chenalho, there is no peace, because women suffer physical and psychological violence. The release of the perpetrators of the slaughter of Acteal who now roam freely among us in the presence of the military, is a mockery for us survivors and psychologically affects us. It is very clear that the dirty psychological warfare designed by the Mexican government since 1994, remains in effect to date.

The women of the organization Las Abejas and the survivors of the slaughter of Acteal strongly condemn the disappearance of our brothers and sisters in Ayotzinapa, Guerrero. This criminal event is a shame and President Peña Nieto and his "PGR" have not been willing to investigate and apply justice to the real culprits. So as women and mothers who also lost our sons and daughters in the slaughter of Acteal, we sympathize with the mothers and fathers of 43 young men and women killed in Ayotzinapa.

We support the pilgrimage of our sisters and brothers from Simojovel, which will begin on March 23 to the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez, this action is because we reject the bad government continues killing us, we do not want more forced disappearances, because we want more impunity and corruption, and we do not want our country to held to ransom by narco-politicians.

We emphasize that in the municipality of Chenalho and as several of their communities has proliferated the sale and consumption of alcohol. The problem of alcohol consumption is truly serious, because women and their children are the ones who suffer the most. Because when the fathers or brothers gets drunk and return home they beat their wives, their daughters and sisters. When husbands get drunk the money for food or medicine or family savings are spent. When a husband or son or brother gets drunk, women, mothers, sisters are sick because there is no quiet, because there is no peace in the house.

So we ask the bartenders or people who sell alcohol, seek a healthier and better business and think about women and health.

On this International Women's Day, it is also to denounce the mega projects and mining on our lands that threaten our peoples and communities. Because Mother Earth is essential for our people to live well. Mother Earth is to plant our food in it, and not destructive transnational corporations and criminals.

We tell women and men who consciences have been numbed by the so-called "support" the bad government brings such as; housing, groceries, money and other handouts used to buy their silence in the face of looting and plunder of our lands that make the Governor and President and their masters of transnational capitalism rich.

But we women Bees, we tell the bad governments that we will not keep silent and will not allow the entry of megaprojects like; mines, dams, highways, etc. We know people from the government have come in our communities to study our springs, waterholes and our lands; we know is to steal the wealth of our mother earth and so we are going to resist these efforts.

We invite you to organize more and unite our struggles.

We do not want violence against women!

We do not want more bars in our towns!

Enough of the sale and consumption of alcohol in our communities!

Stop harassment, threats and attacks regions!

Stop enforced disappearances!

Stop femicide!

No to impunity!

Support for the comrades who are fighting for the defence of our mother earth!

Life to women and girls worldwide!

Life to the women!

Life to the Bees of Acteal!

Sincerely

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