



# Socialist International Women

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### International Women's Day 2022

#### DECLARATION

The Socialist International Women (SIW) applauds the theme of International Women's Day 2022 "Equality Today for a Sustainable Future". Can we indeed ensure a sustainable future for our societies without taking into account the efforts and concerns of women?

The climate emergency is a reality whose effects are becoming more and more critical and require immediate responses, including a change in our behavior and our relationship with nature, which we have abused for too long. It requires us today more than ever to live differently and to design a development of our societies that respects our planet. This is only possible thanks to a new education and the mobilization of all the potentials of our societies, including women as agents of change. This is why the sustainable development to which we aspire cannot do without their full and complete involvement. Equality today is therefore not a luxury but a necessity.

And the challenges of equality between men and women are enormous. Women's rights continue to be violated because their supposed inferiority is a prejudice that is still rooted in people's minds. While it is important for countries to change their laws, mentalities still need to change. For years, women from all parts of the world have been demanding justice against the discrimination they suffer based on gender. Despite the commitment of the international community since the 1970s to restore women's rights and make equality a constant reality, the objective is far from being achieved.

This year 2022 again the same demand returns to commemorate the International Women's Day on March 8 under the theme "equality today for a sustainable future". This will surely happen through an awareness of the capacity of women for development and through the culture that will change our negative practices. The more women are free and independent, the more the world evolves in peace and prosperity. Without risk of being mistaken, equality of opportunity and treatment in all areas of social life between the two sexes is the only guarantee for sustainable development. We must therefore move ineluctably from de jure equality to de facto equality in order to eliminate poverty, reduce diseases related to reproductive health, illiteracy, and deal with the effects of climate change.

SIW believes that this is only possible by challenging unconscious processes that influence the culture of societies and confirm the marginalization of women in politics and decision-making spheres, in the home and in the The places of work. It reaffirms its commitment to greater participation of women in all political and decision-making processes and to the implementation of projects for inclusive and egalitarian societies as advocated by our social-democratic conception of sustainable and peaceful communities.

SIW urges the international community and all its members and affiliated bodies:

- to make firm commitments on the issue of climate change in order to reverse the trend of the negative effects generated;
- ensure greater security governance;
- invest more for the economic empowerment of women and girls;

- allocate substantial budgets in vital sectors such as education, health, water, electricity, agriculture;
- prevent gender-based violence, a global scourge that handicaps gender equality;
- and to act for a more balanced world with development based on access to basic resources to help the 2.8 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day.

ISF finally appeals to all women to become aware of their potential and free themselves from social influence so that equality today becomes a reality that creates the conditions for a sustainable future.

