

٠١٣٤٠٤٠١٩٢

الدولي بيان تضامني صادر من حركة النساء الديمقراطيات

صادر من حركة مادة مطبوعة باللغة الانجليزية، تتضمن بيان تضامني.
النساء الديمقراطيات الدولي

WIDF Council Meeting
Moscow USSR
15 - 19 May 1978

Draft

SOLIDARITY DECLARATION
OF THE WIDF COUNCIL

The Council of the WIDF, meeting in Moscow from 15 to 19 May 1978, once again expresses its solidarity with the women and children, with all the peoples struggling for their legitimate rights, for democracy, progress, national independence and peace.

Categorically reaffirming the principles and objectives contained in the international instruments on Human Rights, the WIDF Council notes with concern and indignation that in different regions of the world these economic, social, political and cultural rights are systematically violated. This state of affairs has painful effects on the lives of millions of men, women and children.

The WIDF Council notes in particular that this is happening:

- In the Middle East, where the recent aggression by the Government of Israel against the Republic of Lebanon has aggravated the extremely critical situation in the region, which threatens peace throughout the world. This invasion is a premeditated military operation against the Arab national liberation movement designed to destroy the Palestinian resistance and the patriotic and progressive Lebanese forces and to prevent a just solution of the Middle East problem, which can only be achieved through recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people and with the participation of its legitimate representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization.

This act of aggression, carried out with the backing of the imperialist powers, with its tragic toll of thousands of innocent victims - dead, wounded, homeless refugees, outcasts from their own land - and in flagrant contravention of the UN resolutions on the Middle East, makes it still more imperious to mobilize the women, the people, and each of our organizations for: the withdrawal of Israeli troops from all territories occupied since 1967; full respect for the rights of the Palestinian people to exercise self-determination, to return to their homeland, and to set up their own independent state, guaranteeing the sovereignty of all the states and peoples of the region; an end to the acts of war, repression, arbitrary arrest and torture to which the population is subjected in the occupied territories; increased aid to the thousands of Palestinian and Lebanese refugees who have lost everything; and freedom for the Arab

alongside
the
including
ISRAEL

Lebanon

and Israeli patriots imprisoned in the jails of Israel.

- in Southern Africa, where the racist regimes deprive the peoples of the most elementary human rights and constitute a permanent threat to the territorial integrity of the independent states of the region and to peace and security throughout the world.

In this International Anti-Apartheid Year, it is imperative to demand effective implementation by all states of the UN resolutions on Namibia, Zimbabwe and South Africa; to denounce with still greater force the imperialist powers that back the racist governments while provoking armed conflicts against the progressive states of the continent, with the intention of curbing the inexorable liberation process in Africa; it is imperative to go on giving maximum support to the heroic struggle of the peoples of the continent against racism, colonialism and neocolonialism, and to go on demanding an end to repression and the release of all political prisoners.

- in Latin America, where a group of dictatorial, fascist or repressive regimes - in Chile, Uruguay, Brazil, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Paraguay, Haiti and other countries - systematically violate economic, political, social and cultural rights and pursue anti-national policies for the benefit of the big foreign corporations and the national oligarchies which plunder the natural and human resources of the continent, causing a constant deterioration in the living and working conditions of millions of men, women and children. Military pacts and bases, which tie the majority of the states to US military strategy, violate the sovereignty of the countries of the region and pose a growing threat to peace in the world.

The women and the peoples of Latin America are impetuously rising up in vehement rebellion against such a policy and the regimes that pursue it, facing repression and fascism to defend their living standards, human rights, democracy, national independence and peace.

Once again this struggle demands the support and solidarity of each of our national organizations and the women and the peoples of the world, adding their voices to the call for the release of all political prisoners; preservation of the life and clarification of the fate of thousands of missing patriots; respect for the right of emigrated patriots to return home; and end to the torture, the repression, and the crimes committed by fascist gangs trained by the US Central Intelligence Agency and active in Argentina and other countries; restoration of democratic rights and freedoms; decolonization of Puerto Rico and dismantling of the military bases in the region; and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Panama and the right of all the peoples of the continent to defend and dispose freely of their natural resources.

- in various countries of Asia the rights of the peoples and personal safeguards are violated. In Indonesia thousands of men and women have been imprisoned for many years; in Oman,

Dhofar and other countries of the Gulf the hard struggle continues for national independence and against militarization of the region; the Korean people aspire to and demand the peaceful, democratic and independent reunification of their homeland, calling for an end to fascist terror in South Korea and the withdrawal of all foreign troops and nuclear weapons stationed on South Korean territory; in many countries of the region, unemployment and poor living standards constitute a striking negation of the right to work, health, education and well-being; in South-East Asia the women and the people of Vietnam have recently been confronted with the need to defend their territorial integrity and the inviolability of their borders while working without interruption for the peaceful reconstruction of their homeland.

- in many countries of Western Europe, the crisis and unemployment - particularly prevalent among women, young people and foreign workers - is making the right to work and many other economic and social rights unattainable. Militarism and the increasing and tolerated activity of fascist groups, together with such practices as the "Berufsverbot" (employment ban) conspire against detente and peace and seriously encroach on freedom of conscience and the right to work; in Northern Ireland, the women and the people are rejecting repressive legislation and demanding respect for human rights; in Cyprus, the struggle continues for implementation of the UN resolutions; in defence of self-determination, which would guarantee the legitimate rights of the people to independence and territorial integrity; for a peaceful and lasting settlement that would put an end to the tragedy of the 200 000 Cypriots who are refugees in their own country; in Portugal, Spain and Greece, the women and the peoples - under adverse socio-economic conditions - are endeavouring to consolidate and make irreversible the democratic process begun after the overthrow of the fascist regimes.

- in the United States the struggle is spreading to improve the conditions of millions of working and unemployed people, for the release of the Wilmington Ten, John Harris - sentenced to death on the basis of perjured testimony - and all other citizens imprisoned for defending racial and economic equality and basic civil and political rights.

Noting with deep concern the gravity of these violations of rights and human dignity which particularly affect women, children and the families, the WIDF Council CALLS ONCE AGAIN on its national organizations, all women's organizations, and the women of all continents to redouble their moral, political and material solidarity with the women and the peoples, who are demanding their legitimate economic, political, social and cultural rights and fighting for democracy, progress, national independence and peace.