

## ICOR Call for the International Women's Day of Struggle 2019

*“The experience of all liberation movements has shown that the success of a revolution depends on how much the women take part in it.” (Lenin, Collected Works, Vol. 28, p. 181)*

**International Women's Day 2019** takes place in a turbulent and polarized situation in class struggle with strategic importance. Worldwide those in power are less and less able to exercise their rule without meeting mass resistance from the working-class movement and the broad masses. More and more governments are resorting to open reaction, internally and externally, in their main methods of governing. The **destabilization of the prevailing conditions** has brought about a **societal polarization** in which a **progressive change of mood among the working class and the broad masses has developed internationally**.

**Women's consciousness has awakened on a mass scale in many countries of the world!** From Asia through Germany and other countries of Europe to Africa, **women workers are fighting against their double exploitation** for higher and equal wages, appreciation of their work and better working conditions. From Argentina through Uruguay and even to the USA, millions of **women of all strata are standing up against their special repression**, against sexism, violence against women and femicide, and for the right of self-determination over their bodies and lives. From India to Rojava **women** are standing up with death-defying courage and **organized** against the entire system of the double exploitation and oppression of working women and represent and **demand societal alternatives**. Even if women in a few countries rise up into highest positions of responsibility and can actively participate in the capitalist-imperialist exercise of rule, the masses of working women are affected by capitalist exploitation, and all are attacked as women, because of their sex, by patriarchal oppression. In Rojava we witness the experience of a women's revolution called by its carriers. At the same time, women's movements take recourse internationally to an old measure of the working-class movement: a women's strike on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, with which many give expression on many levels in the struggle to the demands for a life in equality and freedom. The growing mass movements of women in the world provide a basis and impetus for the resolute struggle against patriarchal structures and behavior patterns and against capitalism.

The revolutionary world organization ICOR promotes the construction of an international militant women's movement and takes over responsibility for the **process of the world women's conference**, in which **revolutionary and militant women's movements unite in the struggle against exploitation and oppression of women and for their liberation in a liberated society**. The liberation of women can only be achieved in a socialist and communist society, but must already be represented and achieved today in the theory and practice of the revolutionary parties.

The international women's movement of the 21st century faces great challenges! With the *“Call for rallying forces for building an anti-imperialist united front”* the ICOR takes a position against the **general tendency of imperialist preparation of war**. A top priority task, also for the international militant women's movement. At the same time the international militant women's movement must strengthen itself regarding **politics, organization and world outlook!** The theoretical seminar on the liberation of women in India in 2018 was an important beginning for this.

The women of the world do not want to perish in capitalist barbarism. Their visions of a world without exploitation and oppression need international militant union and strong revolutionary parties. The social basis for the liberation of women can only be created by a liberated socialist society.

Strengthen the militant women's movement of the world! Organize yourselves in the revolutionary parties and courageously take over leading responsibility as women! Become part of the international socialist revolution.

**Long live International Women's Day! Forward with the liberation of women! Forward with the ICOR!**

**Signatories (as of 28 February 2019, up-to-date list of signatories on [www.icor.info](http://www.icor.info)):**

1. PCPCI Parti Communiste Proletarien de Côte d'Ivoire (Proletarian Communist Party of Ivory Coast), Ivory Coast
2. ORC Organisation Révolutionnaire du Congo (Revolutionary Organization of Congo), Democratic Republic of the Congo
3. RCP Revolutionary Communist Party of Egypt
4. MMLPL Moroccan Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Line
5. CPSA (ML) Communist Party of South Africa (Marxist-Leninist)
6. PCT Parti Comuniste du Togo (Communist Party of Togo), Togo
7. PPDS Parti Patriotique Démocratique Socialiste (Patriotic Democratic Socialist Party), Tunisia
8. CPB Communist Party of Bangladesh
9. CPI (ML) Red Star Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Red Star
10. NCP (Mashal) Nepal Communist Party (Mashal)
11. NDMLP New-Democratic Marxist-Leninist Party, Sri Lanka
12. БКП Българска Комунистическа Партия (Bulgarian Communist Party)
13. MLPD Marxistisch-Leninistische Partei Deutschlands (Marxist-Leninist Party of Germany)
14. UCLyon Unité Communiste Lyon (Communist United Lyon), France
15. UPML Union Proletarienne Marxiste-Léniniste (Marxist-Leninist Proletarian Union), France
16. BP (NK-T) Bolşevik Parti (Kuzey Kürdistan-Türkiye) (Bolshevik Party (North Kurdistan-Turkey))
17. KOL Kommunistische Organisation Luxemburg (Communist Organization of Luxemburg)
18. RM Rode Morgen (Red Dawn), Netherlands
19. MLGS Marxistisch-Leninistische Gruppe Schweiz (Marxist-Leninist Group of Switzerland)
20. VZDOR VZDOR - strana práce (Resistance - labour party), Slovakia
21. KSC-CSSP Komunistická Strana Československa – Československa Strana Práce (Communist Party of Czechoslovakia – Czechoslovakian Workers Party), Czech Republic

22. MLKP Marksist Leninist Komünist Parti Türkiye / Kürdistan (Marxist Leninist Communist Party Turkey / Kurdistan)
23. KSRD Koordinazionnyj Sowjet Rabotschewo Dvizhenija (Coordination Council of the Workers Class Movement), Ukraine
24. PR Partija Rada (Party of Labor), Yugoslavia (ex)
25. MLP Marksistsko-Leninskaja Platforma (Marxist-Leninist Platform), Russia
26. PCC-M Partido Comunista de Colombia – Maoista (Communist Party of Colombia - Maoist)
27. PCP (independiente) Partido Comunista Paraguayo (independiente) (Paraguayan Communist Party (independent))
28. BDP Bloque Democratico Popular (Popular Democratic Bloc), Peru
29. PML del Perú Partido Marxista Leninista del Perú (Marxist-Leninist Party of Peru)
30. PPP Partido Proletario del Perú (Proletarian Party of Peru)
31. PC (ML) Partido Comunista (Marxista Leninista) (Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)), Dominican Republic
32. PS-GdT Plataforma Socialista - Golpe de Timón (Socialist Platform – Change of Course), Venezuela