

Declaration of the 6th International Action of the World March of Women April 24-26, 2025 – Sri Lanka

We stand here today, united in our resistance against corporate power, militarization, and exploitation. The 6th International Action of the World March of Women, taking place from April 24th to 26th, 2025, in Sri Lanka, brings together women workers from across the globe to raise our voices and demand change. This event, organized by the Women's Centre Sri Lanka, is a space for us to share our struggles, our resilience, and the strategies we use to confront labor violations and gender-based oppression.

Twelve years ago, over 1,100 workers—most of them women—died in the Rana Plaza factory collapse in Bangladesh. This was not an accident, but the result of a system that prioritizes profit over people's lives. Sadly, this logic still prevails today, fueling global exploitation, environmental destruction, and the militarization of everyday life. We are here to say enough is enough.

In Sri Lanka, we face the direct consequences of corporate greed. Transnational corporations continue to exploit labor, plunder our resources, and damage our environment. One of the most glaring examples is the garment industry, where thousands of women work under grueling conditions for meager wages. These workers are subjected to long hours, unsafe conditions, and little to no labor rights protections. Yet, their labor is the backbone of Sri Lanka's garment exports, fueling profits for multinational corporations while women remain undervalued and unseen.

From extractive industries to the privatization of water, land, and essential services, we see how these corporations thrive at the expense of our communities. And it is women—especially in rural and marginalized areas—who bear the brunt of these injustices.

We are not only fighting against labor exploitation in industries like garments and agriculture, but also against the violence of militarization. Whether through state repression, land grabs, or gender-based violence, women are on the front lines of these battles.

But we are not powerless. We are here today to make it clear that we are not just victims—we are fighters, we are leaders, and we are creating alternatives. This movement aims to bridge the gap between women producers in the Global South and women consumers in the Global North, highlighting how consumption patterns are linked to the exploitation of labor and resources.

We demand a world where life is valued over profit, where peace is prioritized over war, and where sustainability is more important than exploitation. We are calling for a radical transformation, one where women lead the charge in creating just and sustainable economies.

Today, we march in solidarity for corporate accountability. We honor the strength of garment workers and all women workers who resist, and we fight for a future where our bodies, our territories, and our commons are not for sale.

Globalize Resistance, Globalize Feminist Solidarity, Dismantle Corporate Power!

We March Against Wars and Capitalism,

We Defend the Sovereignty of Peoples and Buen Vivir!