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Declaration of the Assembly on Debt

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This declaration was adopted at the closing of the World Social Forum in Tunisia.

Considering that the debt of the global south has already been paid back several times, and that it constitutes, for the South as well as the North, a wealth, resources and of labor power towards capital,

Considering that debt is the key lever of foreign intervention, and the intervention of financial powers, with the complicity of the powerful elite, giving way to the violation of states sovereignty, and to the overall impoverishment of people, and to the brutal degradation of their economic and social rights,

Considering that the multinationals and the industrialized countries, have triggered an irreversible upheaval distrusting the climate and environmental balance, and hence generating an ecological debt, which the entire humanity shall suffer from, and to which those countries have due reparations.

Considering the effect that the mechanisms of indebtedness have had all over the planet, aggravating especially the living conditions of women, tackling mainly their financial independence; a main stone for their social and political emancipation,

With determination,

We, Organizations and Social movements, inspired by the example of the combatant Thomas Sankara, Struggling for the liberation of peoples from the enslavement and the slavery of debt:

Affirm that the Arab people and the Maghreb people have reignited the flame of the struggle of the people for reclaiming their destiny and their desire to emancipate according to their own standards of living freely and with dignity,

We Strongly and determinately Support all the struggles around the world to free the people from the servitude of debt,

Rejecting the austerity policies applied everywhere around the world,

Supporting all the citizen-led debt audit for the identification and the cancellation, without condition, all audios and illegitimate debt,

And calling for a feminist-oriented audit which will consider the social debt through which women were the creditors,

Rejecting all debt -swaps or conversions that we would consider laundering of the odious and illegitimate debt,

We strongly denounce all pressures, and attempts to prevent the adoption of the bill of debt audit in Tunisia and everywhere around the world.

We don't owe... we don't pay!

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First signatures to the Declaration (in alphabetical order) :

ACET (Let's audit the credits toward Tunisia)

AFRODAD (African Forum and Network on Debt and Development)

ATTAC Gender, France

ATTAC Italy

CADTM International (Committee for the Abolition of Third World Debt)

CASA DELLA SINISTRA "THOMAS SANKARA", Italy

CLA

CNCD, Belgium

COALITION DES FEMMES DE TUNISIE, Tunisia

COMMISSIONE AUDIT PARMA, Italy

COORDINADORA UN ALTRE MÓN ÉS POSSIBLE, Spanish State

EGYPTIAN CENTER FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECESR)

ELA, Basque country - Spanish State

FORUM PER UNA FINANZA PUBBLICA E SOCIALE, Italy

GREEN HOUSE, United-Kingdom

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INHABITANTS

INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA, Valencian country - Spanish State

JUBILE SUD AMERIQUES, Latin America

JUBILE UK

LATINDADD, Latin America

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MARCHE MONDIALE DES FEMMES International

NIE NASZ DLUG (Not Our Debt), Poland

ONGD AFRICANDO DE INGENERIO, Gran Canarias, Spanish State

PLATAFORMA 0,7 EXTREMADURA, Spain

PLATAFORMA AUDITORIA CIUDADANA DE LA DEUDA (PACD), Spanish State

POPULAR CAMPAIGN TO DROP EGYPT'S DEBT

QUIEN DEBE A QUIEN, Spain

RESEAU FEMINISTE "RUPTURES", France

RIVOLTA IL DEBITO, Italy

SOLDEPAZ PACHAKUTI, Spanish State

SUD BPCE, France

XXXE (NO DEBT-NO EURO), Greece

ZUKUNFTSKONVENT, Germany

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