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II CONFERENCE - Our Revolution: Liberating Life

In the month of August of this year, I was in Rojava together with the women who fight daily for liberation, democracy and ecology, when I received a communication that in the near future the II International Conference “Our Revolution: Liberating Life” would happen in the city of Berlin, Germany. I had no doubts and in a cry of love I quickly expressed my desire: “I'm going to Berlin!”

Today, two days after the Conference, sitting on a train and watching the natural beauty of Germany through the window, I started to reflect on my impressions about this meeting with women from all over the world. From the window I see the yellow hue of the trees and the ray of the sun that foreshadow the arrival of the winter; dry trees without leaves; branches; fallen leaves make up a rug; Droplets of water from the sky moisten the weather and the ground; leaves that, when decomposing, return organic matter to the soil and nutrients to nourish the earth; nature and its cycle are perfect and breathtakingly beautiful; we human beings came from it and when we die we will return to it as part of the life cycle of all beings in nature: be born, grow, develop, live, die and nurture. A right that we should all have... However, in today's world, with wars and atrocities, societies have fallen ill, revolutions have not spread, empires have not collapsed and misery, disease, violence, injustice, oppression and hunger are part of our daily lives. Chemical bombs used, for example, by the Turkish State against Kurdish guerrillas, not only kill but also transport toxic substances, contaminating soils and water resources. And so without healthy land and rivers we are not human beings, for without food and water we cannot survive. How to fight against a fascist, neoliberal, capitalist, imperialist and patriarchal mentality that puts our future in danger? I return to my country of origin, Brazil, stage of great social struggles and popular movements, with the certainty that, in addition to determination, today's struggles must unite and have an internationalist character with the aim of strengthening and organizing the fight against oppressive systems that plunders natural resources, exploit the oppressed classes and kill the one who generates life, the women. Therefore, our feminist struggle, very well represented during the conference, is an ecofeminist and internationalist struggle that wants democracy, freedom, gender equality, the decolonization of the land and the connection of our bodies to ancestry and sacred values. The struggle has been going on for years, since the first cry for freedom. “Jin Jiyan Azadi”, for example, is the cry of more than 30 years for the liberation of Kurdish women, but today the struggle is essential and there we were: 800 women united, debating, shouting, repeating “Jin Jiyan Azadi”, singing and inviting all women to unite and join our daily struggle.



During the conference, woman from Latin America manifested: "Abya Yala standing never be on the knees."

We women are capable of changing the dynamics of life and not repeating outdated dynamics, like the Kurdish women who proved with the Rojava Revolution that we can live in an alternative, democratic and free way. We are grandmothers, mothers, daughters, friends, sisters, comrades and when looking at ourselves, in the light of the revolution, we see the past generation of women who generated us and, before them, another generation, and before them, another, this is our history of struggle in our ancestry line and, therefore, we must preserve it. Looking at us internationalist women, we can believe in a society based on democratic laws with just and free ways of thinking and living. Our task, wherever we go, is to be one within society and develop our personalities, so that we can act together against a system of obedience that owes us the lives of all women who have been raped and murdered. Ecofeminism, which today represents a wall against fascism and conservatism, produces knowledge, opens us to other connections and reflections on a collective rather than on an individual struggle. Our movement denounces the ideological character of a patriarchal science, disarms new methods and policies created by the system to distract ourselves from our struggle, creating social, economic and political actions and strategies as tools of struggle and self-defense. Our horizon expands, our hope is reborn, our soil becomes fertile and an alternative and democratic world is no longer a utopia.

We cannot fear, we must face and fight our greatest enemy: patriarchy.
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