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Declaration on the situation in Colombia

The women attending the XXI Congress of the Socialist International Women, SIW, analyzed the situation of Colombia with respect to the Peace Agreement reached between the National Government and the FARC - EP guerrillas.

SIW recognizes the important role that women play in the framework of the end of Conflict and pinpoints the creation of a Gender Subcommittee, setting a milestone in the framework of peace negotiations and the ending of armed conflicts around the world. It is the first time that a Peace process has developed such a body, an unprecedented mechanism , and its success is crucial to achieve a durable and sustainable peace in Colombia which will serve as inspiration for the resolution of conflicts around the world.

SIW highlights the active and permanent participation of the country's women's social organizations and victims of the internal armed conflict in Colombia's peace building, as well as the participation and support of renowned experts in the international arena. That allowed common ground in the Agreement (political participation, agrarian reform, transitional justice, demilitarization of civilian life, justice for victims and solution to the problem of illicit drugs) that will benefit all women equally and in essence seeks to eliminate the conditions of inequity and inequality.

SIW considers that the role of Women in ending the conflicts is a fundamental and decisive factor to preserve the communities united, because thanks to their resilience they can overcome adversity and contribute to the reconstruction of the social fabric and for defect to a better country.

SIW expresses its solidarity with the Colombian people who have suffered the scourge of war for over half a century and are on the road to building a stable and lasting peace through a political negotiation of the internal armed conflict. SIW calls its members to join forces to work for peace and the reconciliation of Colombia and the whole world, with the full conviction that women are playing and will play a proton role in the construction of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation.