



Socialist International Women

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DECLARATION OF BARCELONA

As every November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of violence against women, from the ISM we want to express our strongest commitment to women victims of gender violence and also to vindicate the great task of feminist movements. The fight against gender violence must be a political and social priority, a daily commitment of governments and society to eradicate this scourge. Sexist violence has to be considered a matter of State, and to end its origin, that is, the patriarchal culture, a political priority.

For this reason, in the framework of our meeting of the Executive and the Council held in Barcelona, Spain, under the title "Democracy in Crisis, Increase in Populism - Where do women's rights fit?" We want to show our solidarity with the public complaint that the Socialist Party of Catalonia (PSC) has been doing against the banalization of gender violence that certain parties and organizations have been publishing in recent months comparing the fit of Catalonia in Spain with the suffering of women victims of gender violence.

It is an example of the crisis of values of democracy to confront populism that disguises itself as false progressivism and thus obtain its interests, not based on ideological argumentation and contrast of political proposals, but on the manipulation of the emotions of the citizenship. Therefore, from the ISM we condemn the use that is being made of gender violence and of the suffering of women banalizing sexist violence and the suffering of women victims.