



## **Annex 7**

### **NOVEMBER 25: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Within the framework of the 16 days of Activism against Gender Violence and commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25, the Feminist Task Force (FTF) of the Global Call for Action against Poverty stands up against this issue that affects millions of women worldwide and calls on States and public opinion in order to reaffirm our demands for a world free from all forms of violence.

Violence against women is a matter of public health and a violation of human rights, recognized as such in Vienna in 1993. According to United Nations data, at least one out of three women has been victim of violence. However, in practice we verified that this problem is not assumed as such by States. Furthermore, there is no overall awareness on the part of citizens about the implications of violence or about the possibilities we all have within our reach to bring about changes at structural level. Addressing the issue of violence against women is a task that involves the State, institutions, women and citizenry in general.

Violence is the product, on the one hand, of the unequal relations between men and women which give rise to women's subordinate relationship; on the other hand, violence is a product of the neoliberal model that increases violence inside families and in the public sphere and is the cause for the high cost of the basket of basic goods, migration, commercial sexual exploitation, child labor and feminicides, as proved by several studies.

We invite all organizations and persons that are part of GCAP to visibilize this issue and join rallies and mobilizations all over the world. In addition, we encourage you to follow up international conventions and agreements aimed at eradicating this issue that were signed by your countries, demanding a world without violence against women.

#### **PROPOSALS FOR A WORLD FREE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN:**

- Increase the awareness on the notion that gender-based violence is a human rights issue.
- Establish the link between structural violence and violence against women.
- Strengthen the local work on violence against women by the different spaces of civil society.