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March 8: With the Working Class, Against the Patriarchy

One in three women in the world has suffered physical or sexual violence. The aggressions often come from those who claim to love them, in an extreme assertion of a patriarchal right, so much so that many women live in fear of being killed within the walls of their own homes. Women cannot be free and protected until they have resolved their housing and livelihood needs.

Wars, famines and unemployment increase women's suffering. In Afghanistan, Ukraine, Palestine, Syria, Haiti, Sudan and many other countries, violence is part of the daily life of the working class, and even more so of women. With the outbreak of war for the general division of the capitalist world, brutality will also increase. The history of world wars – inevitable consequences of the crises of capitalism, as in the period in which we find ourselves today – is also a history of violence against women, a natural consequence of war.

With the worsening of the crisis of the capitalist system, women, who in peacetime were left alone and without solidarity, focused on defending their individual conditions, are pushed during war to be enemies of each other, under false national flags, behind which every bourgeoisie hides its aims of mere capitalist profit.

Today, while peace still reigns among the great bourgeois states, 69% of men have a job compared to 46% of women. Women earn 78% of what men earn: equal pay for equal work is still a long way off. It is an ancient inequality that will last forever under capitalism because this is the fate it imposes on women.

Even the great modern capitalisms – which consider every kind of atrocity legitimate in order to realize their imperialist ambitions – fight ferociously to satisfy the need for cheap labor in order to maintain their slice of the world market, and to this end they resort to the oppression of working women.

There is a growing number of "non-governmental organizations" that are supposed to defend women but that more often than not do not organize the struggle and act, at best, on a level of mere assistance, while opportunist or petty-bourgeois feminism not only sets male workers against female workers but often excludes trans women and migrant women as well.

**The solution will come neither from bourgeois politics nor bourgeois charity!
Only the working class can fight for the defense of the conditions of working women!**

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Organized in militant, authentically class-based unions, women will increase their awareness and their strength, as well as helping working class men to overcome their prejudices and habits.

The class-based trade unions are so weak today partly because of the sexual and racial division of the workforce: the anger of the workers at their conditions, which should be leading to more and more widespread strikes, is deflected by nationalist rhetoric against immigrants and the crucial question of women is looked down on.

The strength of the working class derives from its numbers and its organization, and ultimately from the political leadership of the union movement that best fulfills this purpose. This is why the bourgeoisie does everything it can to keep our class divided, and to this end, one of its fundamental tools are the big collaborationist unions, led by parties loyal to the capitalist economy and its political regimes.

Patriarchy will only be annihilated in communism. But the working class is not postponing the fight against this monstrous relic. Already today it is raising the question, it is committing the unions to the defense of the condition of women workers and is creating permanent structures in the unions for this purpose.

The union of workers, above the divisions of gender, nationality, religion and all sexual orientations, in the equal ranks of the struggle, in addition to helping men to give up the petty claims of masculinity, will give women the material and intellectual basis to protect themselves. With solidarity, we will fight the only honorable war, the class war, in our workplaces, in the streets, in our homes and, finally, in our mindsets.

Under the leadership of a party that opposes all forms of oppression, the International Communist Party, the class war will be able to succeed in freeing the material conditions to eliminate the patriarchy that still poisons all of social life.

The emancipation of women coincides with, is identified with, and is a condition for the emancipation of the entire working class.