

FEMINIST FORUM AGAINST G20  
SENTENCE OF THE FEMINIST ETHICAL COURT  
AGAINST CAPITALISTS, RACIST AND PATRIARCHERS EXPLOITATION  
POLICIES OF THE G20

On November 29 the Feminist Ethical Court met in the Congress Square against the capitalist, racist and patriarchal exploitation policies of the G20, one day before the G20 meeting in Buenos Aires began.

The Court was inaugurated by Nora Cortiñas, Mother of Plaza de Mayo Founding Line, and a jury composed of women leaders of various political organizations, academics and social movements of Our America. Throughout various interventions, emblematic cases of crimes against women, lesbians, trans, transvestites, workers, peasants, blacks, indigenous women and migrants were reported. Crimes that are not the only ones, but that show us the modes of world power actions.

The audience was organized through specific cases, organized in three axis:

1. Advance of fascism in Latin America
2. Defense of the territory and the fight against extractivism
3. Migratory movements. Women and sexual dissidence in migrations.

In this Sentence, the members of the Jury, as part of this Popular Feminist Ethics Court, condemn the policies of the G20, after listening with the heart the plurality of the voices of wise women, warriors, warriors, who put the body in the resistance and the creation of a new world, and with their body they defend the territory, the community, the neighborhood, the land, the water, the seeds, the life.

Denounces:

At the Court hearing:

1. **It was denounced** that we are living a strong rupture of democratic states, denying our peoples the basic political, social, cultural and religious rights.
2. **It was denounced** that in Argentina and in other countries, the debt with the FMI began during the dictatorship. The money was used -among other destinations- to buy the

weapons with which they tortured prisoners and disappeared persons. Neoliberalism needs dictatorships in order to carry out its business. For that reason in this new stage, it has returns to resort to the hit of State.

3. **It was denounced** that a fascist, racist, classist, misogynist and ultraneoliberal right wing is assuming power through coups legitimized by the legislative, executive, judicial and media powers. Through these powers, it maintains an appearance of legality that justifies and normalizes oppressions, exploitations, assassinations and a actual state's terrorism.

4. It was denounced that the G20 is part of the "evil quartet", formed together with the FMI, the World Bank and the OMC. Their businesses are a way to make our people poorer. Those who disagree with this reality are murdered, criminalized, judicialized, for raising their voices against the structural inequalities created by the patriarchal, racist and classist system. The G20 policies deepen the differences within our countries and between our countries, reducing the oppressed and oppressed to peripheral spaces of urban centers, leaving them in many cases without shelter, in the streets, militarizing our territories, our lives and our bodies.

5. **It was denounced** that G20 policies not only affect women and peoples in economic terms, but are state policies that destroy life on the planet, nature, our Afrodescendants, indigenous, migrants, peasants, blacks, workers, lesbians, transvestites, trans women bodies. An economic growth that saves banks, de-finances public universities, denies community, focuses on exchange value, is based on the absence of empathy and the naturalization of violence and death.

6. **It was denounced** that the genocidal states, allied to the transnational corporations, owners of great capitals, massacre the black and poor people of the peripheries of the cities, in the countryside they expel them from their lands, they try to annihilate their cultures, their bodies, their territories, the unpunished case of Marielle Franco, young black feminist, lesbian, socialist, defender of human rights, the case of four young black men, who were executed in Rio de Janeiro, the case of Claudia Silva (murdered in 2014) and Rafael Braga (prisoner for an armed cause), all have been used as an example in Brazil. All blacks, young people, inhabitants of the favelas. In Colombia, the state is carrying out a genocide against the black people, who are assigned the place of disposable and disposable population through social policies. In Argentina, the theft of newborn children from the black community was reported, as well as the systematic persecution of mobile migrant workers from Africa - for example, from Senegal.

7. The criminalization and hypercarceration of black youth in Brazil and throughout the continent was denounced.

8. It was denounced that in Brazil the exercise of African originated religions is criminalized.

9. **It was denounced** that the G20 policies develop a new genocide against indigenous peoples, their communities and leaders.

10. The criminalization of feminism and social struggles, the naturalization of violence against women, the growth of feminicides, institutionalized structural racism, **were denounced**.

11. **It was denounced** that victims are punished - especially when they are women, lesbians, transvestites, trans- even after death. The impunity decreed by the courts for criminals - as in the case of Lucia in Argentina - is accompanied and pretended to be "justified" through defamation and the either real or forged exhibition of the lives of the murdered.

12. It was denounced that hundreds of defenders of the land and communities have been forced to move from their territories and communities, through threats to their lives and their integrity (as in the case of Lolita Chávez in Guatemala).

13. **It was denounced** that the patriarchal capitalist system is destroying life in the countryside. The transnationals have destroyed the territories and the crops. The example of Brazil was given, where legal abortion is not allowed, but it is allowed to use 12 liters of agrotoxic per inhabitant, which causes fetal malformations, spontaneous abortions, cancer, etc. The agro-ecological harvest and peasant production for self-sustaining are criminalized.

14. **It was denounced** the criminal role of Bayer - Monsanto, Benetton, and other transnationals that privatize seeds, occupy territories, contaminate rivers and lands, and which are accomplices in the militarization and repression of indigenous and peasant communities.

15. **It was denounced** that borders are geopolitical tools. The example of the migrant caravan that collectively seeks a dignified life was presented. They are the deprived / as, precarized / as, survivors of extractive policies and terrorist states. Migrations not only occur but are produced by the racist and patriarchal capitalist system. Now, those who walk are women and children. The collective walk allows them to go out of hiding and take care of themselves. The exodus crystallizes the perversion of the exclusive system. Despite the criminalization of the caravan, they move for the love of life.

16. The changes in migration policies in Argentina **were denounced**, which have negatively affected the migrant community, especially women, and have limited their

chances of having a decent life. Rights such as the right to have an identity, a health system, education, labor rights and the right to freedom of expression have been violated.

17. The Decree of necessity and urgency, DNU 70 of 2017 in Argentina, **was denounced**, which associates migration as a crime, criminalizing migration. It was warned about the sponsorship for the development of new technologies, used to persecute and expel migrants.

18. **The G20 was denounced** because it promotes processes that result in dispossession, that give more value to the merchandise than to life, to militarize borders, for the repression experienced by the migrant exodus, for promoting processes that demonize people who their walk erases borders. G20 policies allow the free movement of goods, but not the free movement of people. The states reserve the right to "give citizenship" as if they were not human rights. The resurgence of nationalism, xenophobia and the violent closure of borders are stimulated.

19. The USA interventionist policy **was denounced**. in Venezuela, its permanent threat, the blockade imposed on its people, in the quest to drown the Bolivarian revolution.

20. **It was denounced** that the illegality of abortion promotes the deaths of women in different countries of the continent. The case of Imelda, from El Salvador, victim from the age of 12 years of systematic sexual violence by her 70-year-old stepfather was reported. Imelda will be tried, accused of a clandestine abortion. The case of the 22 female prisoners accused of aborting in El Salvador was also reported.

21. The fascist Erdogan government, responsible for the massacre of women and the Kurdish people, was denounced of the military attacks on cities that were inhabited in a sovereign manner by the Kurdish people, particularly in the city of Afrin since the beginning of this year. The massacres carried out, the persecution and killing of Kurdish and Kurdish leaders, the enslavement of the women of these towns and their sexual exploitation **were reported**.

22. The expulsion of feminist Ana Quiroz from Nicaragua, a fighter for women's rights and a popular educator, was denounced.

23. The lack of justice in Honduras was denounced, and in particular the obstacle made by the Court and the Government, so that the intellectual authors of Berta Cáceres's crime were judged and convicted: the Atala family, owner of the company DESA.

24. The impunity enshrined in the ruling for the crime in Argentina of Santiago Maldonado was denounced, and solidarity with his family was expressed.

25. The impunity in Argentina of Lucía Pérez's crime was denounced, and the Paro de Mujeres, Lesbianas, Transvestites and Trans was called for next July 5

This court, states:

We condemn the G20, its policies and its leaders. Today, the heads of these countries come together to reaffirm the G20's death strategies and policies. It is a summit that seeks to impose a model and ways of life that benefit these sectors of world power with super-profits, at the expense of most of the peoples, making the lives of people even more precarious, and destroying nature. The looting of the common goods of the subordinated countries, the expulsion of the original communities from their lands, the pollution of the rivers, the clearing of the forests, the degrading and destructive logics of the agribusiness, together with the precarization of education, health, of the tasks of care that for the sexual division of work fall primarily on women, the invisibility of domestic work that increases for all the reasons mentioned above, are some of the logics of the G20 policies, and also the they are the militarization of all dimensions of life, the criminalization of poverty, the prosecution of protest

We condemn the criminal, perverse, death alliance between capital, patriarchy and coloniality, expressed in the G20 and the TLC, FMI, OMC, which has transnational corporations as a correlate, and complicity and responsibility of most governments in the continent. It is a new colonial pact that perpetuates ecocide, genocide and femicide. It is a new pact of the great global capitals that promote more extractivism and dispossession of everything that enables a dignified life, and that threatens the projects of hope, territorial and collective of peoples and nationalities, and peasants.

We condemn the misinformation generated from the mass media, and from the actions of governments and companies that generate and spread false promises with the name of "development". The generation of super-profits, the expanded accumulation of capital, has nothing to do with the needs of the population, and less of the local populations. What they seek is that we lose autonomy of our bodies, and sovereignty of our seeds and ancestral territories. To do so, they militarize communities and borders, and establish war over the bodies of women, lesbians, transvestites, trans. They send a message of fear, threat, discipline, intimidation and death to those who resist and fight, seeking that women, peasants, indigenous people, students, Afros, all workers, who are the ones who enable sovereignty and sustain life, let's see eroded our community, collective and nature links, altering the vital symptoms in our territories.

We do not know them, and we will resist from our ancestral proposals of defense of life. Feminism is an ethical, political and life proposal. We choose to live and live well. We know how to do it. We the women of the towns that inhabit this territory of the Abya Yala,

have been doing it for more than 500 years ago. We affirm our re-existence. We are not victims: we know how to resist and defeat fascism, and we will do it.

They wage war against women, lesbians, trans, transvestites, communities, nature. We declare our decision to fight for life against transnational capitalism. We declare ourselves caretakers of the life of the planet: no body or territory is sold. They take care and defend themselves.

We demand that the damages done to our towns, to our women, to our girls be repaired, placing at the forefront of public policies the care of life.

We want a world without borders, with a universal citizenship. No human being is illegal. We are body, territory and community.

Our feminism has a memory of all struggles. We weave internationalist networks from different territories. We are thinking and looking for alternatives, thinking about the paths for an effective popular feminist justice. In that search, we salute the example of the Kurdish women's revolution, the creation of a village of women, Jinwar, and we tell them that we are twinned.

Feminism is popular, anti-capitalist, anti-patriarchal, anti-racist. Feminism is revolution. This feminism of the overflowing, that walks by the Abya Yala, and that revolutionizes our lives, our communities, our continent, will be plurinational, sovereign, territorial, or it will not be. Because they love us with fear, submissive, obedient, submissive, precarious, exploited, impoverished, and in silence. But this feminist revolution is here to stay, and there is no turning back.

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