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#MeToo for a Culture of Respect

Without fear and with confidence, women's voices are breaking free. To resist, to exist, to dream. They are no longer remaining silent, they are freeing themselves of their fears to finally lighten the burdens they have been carrying for far too long. Let us ensure that they will continue to be heard each time they need to be.

INSIDIOUS WORDS AND ACTS, even though they may seem trivial, are at the root of casual sexism, which occurs on a daily basis. Far from being insignificant, these words and acts weigh on all women. They are part of an existence where violence is very real and threatens us all.

VIOLENCE IS PART OF THE EVERYDAY LIVES OF WOMEN. The numerous denunciations of assault and harassment have given us a clear picture of the sexism in our environments and of the existing inequality in gender relations. We must all ensure

that we do not allow silence to reign again. Women's suffering must be recognized, and we must fight against impunity.

FIGHTING AGAINST SUCH VIOLENCE also involves committing to fight for gender equality and against socio-economic inequalities, sexism, and systemic discrimination against women. Fighting against rape culture involves working toward a true culture of greater respect for women.

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FOR SEVERAL YEARS, neoliberals have been working to dismantle our public services and social programs. From government to government, anti-union attacks have multiplied and have affected women in particular. Those who support reducing the role of the government are trying to call into question the range of public services—tools that we have collectively given ourselves and that result in greater equality of opportunity for all.

AS THE QUÉBEC ELECTIONS NEAR, the rhetoric about gender equality being a fundamental value will not hide the fact that women still experience economic and social inequality.

FEMINISTS UNTIL THINGS CHANGE because true equality starts with financial autonomy for women, alongside the fight against poverty and various forms of violence and discrimination.

FEMINISTS UNTIL THINGS CHANGE in order to demand concrete measures so that women can truly escape poverty—particularly through raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour; through adequate, long-term funding of groups that help women; and through significant reinvestment in public services and social programs.



LET US TAKE THE OCCASION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TO DENOUNCE THE VIOLENCE AND CONTEMPT THAT WOMEN STILL FACE TODAY. LET US REFUSE TO LET IT GO ON THIS WAY.

