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People Rising To End Inequalities

DECLARATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - SDGS

On behalf of the GCAP-Colombia alliance, made up of the Social and Economic Action Research Corporation - CIASE, the National Coordination of Indigenous Women of Colombia - CONAMIC and the Women's Peace and Security Thought and Action Collective - MPS Collective, organizations that make up the **Alliance for the SDGs**, we reiterate the importance of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda, developed through the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which have been adopted since 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and which it is the obligation of Member States to incorporate in their economic, social and environmental actions to face the major current problems.

Women in the face of the current reality: We believe that, with 7 years to go until the 2030 Agenda is met, progress is still precarious in terms of equality and the fight against poverty. In Latin America, and in particular in Colombia, there continues to be profound exclusion and discrimination in terms of gender, ethnicity, race and, of course, economics. As Colombian women, we have had to live through serious situations in the context of the armed conflict and related conflicts within the country, in addition to the disproportionate impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic that further impoverished already impoverished people, particularly women, in a context in which all forms of violence against us increased. In 2022, 47,771 cases of women victims of domestic violence were registered, a figure that compared to 2021, presented an increase of 7,713 cases¹.

For this reason, women, from their diversity, know that progress in all aspects must be strong and permanent. In this context, we welcome the first National Plan of Action of Resolution 1325 of the United Nations Security Council, which the Colombian Government has been designing with the significant participation and dynamics of feminist and women's organizations throughout the national territory. We will continue to insist that gender equality issues are fundamental to finding new approaches and solutions to the different conflicts that both the country and the region are going through.

Water, water sources and life support: Currently in the country, regions such as the Colombian Caribbean, specifically in the Department of La Guajira where the Wayuu Indigenous People mainly live, presents a process of extreme contamination and reduction of their water sources with serious consequences for the region, especially for children, young people and women. Such is the case that, in 2023, the Colombian Government declared this Department in a State of Economic, Social and Ecological Emergency.

¹ Data from the Office of the National Attorney General of the Republic.

<https://www.procuraduria.gov.co/Pages/3-mujeres-cada-hora-128-al-dia-y-47-mil-en-2022-fueron-victimas-de-violencia-intrafamiliar-procuraduria.aspx#:~:text=%2D%20In%20the%20a%C3%B1o%202022%20se,a%20increase%20of%207,713%20cases.>



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Sustainable production and responsible consumption: There is no doubt that progress has been made in terms of responsible consumption. We welcome Law 2277 of 2022 sanctioned by the Congress of the Republic and recently implemented, on the consumption of sugary drinks and ultra-processed foods, which imposes a tax to discourage their consumption, especially in children and adolescents. However, it is essential that in terms of consumption, campaigns on responsible measured water consumption and the proper management of solid waste continue.

Climate Action Now! The realization of the impacts of climate change and the El Niño phenomenon in the Amazon make the application of the SDGs in the territories acquire a special interest in places as strategic as the Amazon, which is a sacred sanctuary in dispute, cradle of ancient civilizations and ancestral wisdom where an extractivist culture is contrasted with ancestral and innovative and harmonious practices of balance and care for all that is possible. that exists.

We especially welcome the holding of the Summit of the Presidents of the Amazon in Belém do Pará, Brazil, where the biological diversity of the Amazon was highlighted as a magnificent mosaic of ecosystems. The Amazon is a spiritual and ecosystemic reserve of the world that requires deep respect and humility to legislate, generate policies, reach national and plurinationals agreements that guarantee its survival.

There is no possible, sustainable or sustainable exploitation under the logic of infinite development. It's relationship with the SDGs is comprehensive and with special attention to those related to the situation of women.

The guarantee of the territories of the peoples of the Amazon and the preservation of their ways of life is the certainty of facing the climate crisis and the guarantee of a new civilizational pact in defense of nature and the planet that welcomes us.

Sustainable and lasting peacebuilding: In relation to peacebuilding, we welcome the Colombian Government's intention to advance its Total Peace Policy, which, although challenging, is an interesting approach and represents a comprehensive view of what peace means. Still, security issues are increasingly aggravated by pre-existing conflicts and new ones that have developed in recent years. We welcome the Colombian Government's efforts to establish and sustain dialogues with the various armed actors that coexist in the country and to effectively implement the Peace Agreement with the extinct FARC-EP, which had been left in oblivion.

For our part, we have initiated a specific follow-up group within the Alliance for collective work against 5 Goals related to the particular themes previously related a) SDG 5: Gender Equality, b) SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, c) SDG 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production, d) SDG 13: Climate Action and e) SDG 16: Peace, justice and strong institutions, for the next 7 years. Through this working group, we will establish affirmative actions to follow-up, monitor and oversee the progress and effective fulfillment of these 5 Goals in particular, under the instruments and policies established by the Colombian Government and the work agenda of civil society that must be reflected in the next four-year Local Development Plans.



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Following these statements, by the SDG Alliance, **we urge the Colombian Government to:**

- Carry out effective actions for the fulfillment of the SDGs, especially these 5 prioritized SDGs, within the horizon outlined and, above all, territorialize these strategies to incorporate in the reports, the work carried out by civil society in favor of this Agenda.
- Effectively implement the first National Action Plan 1325 in Colombia, with the necessary potential to reverse many of the situations that are faced today within the framework of gender equality and the construction of a sustainable and lasting peace.
- Promote effective actions for the use, care, and protection of water sources, which guarantee their present and future existence, in addition to continuing with the pertinent actions so that the special situation of the department of La Guajira does not continue to worsen.
- Generate a perspective and public policies based on respect for diversity and care for the Amazon territory.
- Stimulate recycling processes at home in a greater and better way to improve the living conditions of waste pickers. In this sense, promoting industries based on recycling is of great importance to address the consumption of plastics and other sources of pollution.
- Promote and strengthen security not from military power, but from a feminist perspective and an intersectional approach, transforming imaginaries and putting daily care and protection at the center, so that people, and especially women, can live without fear.
- Promote and encourage the inclusion of these essential agendas for the country in the Local and Regional Development Plans that are about to be designed, to guarantee effective territorialization.

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