



Interamerican Sexual and Reproductive Rights Convention Campaign Declaration

Suma camaña
Allin causay
Yvy marae (land without evil)

The human rights triad: our bodies, our lives, our territories...

Cooperation between our peoples will only be full on that day when we achieve respect for all territories, for all lives, for all bodies; only by acknowledging the diversities that characterise us, will we achieve the peace that is our main wish for our societies.

This aspiration is far removed for the millions of persons who suffer every day because their right to freely choose and decide is violated: they have no sovereignty over their own bodies; they are harassed for loving someone of the same sex; forced to continue with unwanted pregnancies; pushed to clandestine abortions that make them ill or kill them; see their access to a variety of contraceptive methods restricted or prohibited, including in cases of emergency. All this is compounded by low budget public policies that fail to acknowledge the many wisdoms of our peoples.

How can we think about living in peaceful societies when we are subjected to the different manifestations of gender violence, surrounded by crude manifestations of sexual violence and trafficking of persons, immersed in systems that not only naturalize but even promote and praise these discriminations?

For the majority of the population on our planet, and particularly in our countries, insecurity and the risk of violence and death are not only found in the street but

also at home. We are also harassed in schools and workplaces, and this is all a product of the machista culture in which we live.

If we are Afro-descendant, Indigenous, impoverished, women, young, not heterosexuals, differently-abled or have a gender identity that differs from the accepted pattern, things are even worse.

The right to our peoples' knowledge; to an organization that seeks the "vivir bien" (to live well) and happiness, should constitute an inalienable human right. This is why we are choosing, once again, to recover the enjoyment of the right to our own bodies: to enjoy and share them, to make them joyfully fruitful.

Peace is not build by oppressing our bodies, or our peoples. It is also not built with ethnic, racial, sexual or gender-based discrimination, or with any other form of discrimination. Our recent history has taught us that neither military boots nor civilian sticks, and even less an economic system that turns human relationships into merchandise, lead to security or to peace.

For all these reasons and, unfortunately, for many others, the theme of this Assembly, "Peace, security and cooperation in the Americas", will only make sense if our States would commit to adopt an Inter-American Convention to guarantee the effective realization of sexual rights and reproductive rights for all persons in our American region.

No more death, it is time for rights...

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