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To: Participating groups of the World March of Women

Dear friends:

Today it is with great happiness that we send you a copy of the Women's Global Charter for Humanity. After a consultation and drafting process that lasted a year and a half, the 5th International Meeting of the World March of Women (WMW) adopted this great document on December 10, 2004, in Kigali, Rwanda.

The Charter reflects above all the desire of thousands of women's groups throughout the world to work within a common framework of global feminist action and to collectively construct a more just world where all live well. It was discussed, amended and finally adopted in Kigali by delegates from 31 countries and 5 continents, after a long discussion process among the grassroots groups that compose the WMW.

As you know, the Charter will be launched across the world on March 8, 2005. The World Relay of the Charter begins in Brazil on March 8, after which it will circle the world accompanied by a quilt that will get larger in each of the 53 countries where the Relay has a stopover; the Relay concludes in Burkina Faso on October 17, 2005. When the Charter and quilt are relayed through a country, WMW participating groups in the area will hold actions of all kinds, including marches, caravans, shows and presentations. We encourage you to use the Charter and the quilt as tools for awareness-raising, political action and pressure tactics.

You can contact the WMW coordinating body in your country (or in the country closest to you) for more information about events planned for the arrival of the Charter and how you can participate in the local, regional and international initiatives being planned. Remember that you are also invited to take part in **24 Hours of Feminist Solidarity on October 17, 2005**, by organizing an action (local or national) to take place between noon and 1 p.m. local time. For more information on our action plan you can check out our Web site, where there will soon be a new section featuring the different WMW actions happening around the world: www.worldmarchofwomen.org

Attached, you will find the Women's Global Charter for Humanity and two supporting documents. It complements the world demands platform of the WMW, a document that we continue to believe is important and useful.

In 2005, let's march together for an end to poverty and violence against women. The need to build another world is urgent and within our grasp!

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