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Considering that debt has, since the 15th century, been a principal historical instrument of colonization, plunder, domination, subjection, humiliation and destruction of Peoples and their traditions,

Considering that the debt of the global south has already been repaid several times, and that it constitutes, in the South as well as in the North, a powerful instrument for transferring productive wealth towards capital,

Considering that debt is a key lever permitting the intervention of foreign and financial powers, in complicity with local governing elites that give way to violations of national sovereignty, to the general impoverishment of people and to the brutal degradation of their economic and social rights,

Considering that the multinationals and the industrialized countries, have triggered an irreversible upheaval of climatic and environmental balances, from which the whole of humanity will suffer, thus generating an ecological debt in favor of the suffering countries,

Considering the effects that debt mechanisms have had all over the planet, in aggravating the living conditions of women, especially weakening their financial independence which is a cornerstone of their social and political emancipation,

We, Organizations and Social Movements, inspired by the example of the combatant Thomas Sankara, struggling for the liberation of peoples from enslavement and of debt slavery:

Affirm that the Maghrebi Arab peoples have reignited the flame of the struggle of the peoples for emancipation, reclaiming their destiny and their desire to live freely and in dignity, according to their own standards,

Strongly and determinately support all the struggles everywhere, to free the people from the servitude of debt,

Reject all austerity policies applied all around the World,

Support all the citizen-led debt audits for the identification and the cancellation, without condition, of all odious and illegitimate debt,

Call for feminist-oriented audits which will consider the social debt due to women,

Reject all debt-swaps or conversions used for the laundering of odious and illegitimate debt,

Strongly denounce all pressures, manoeuvres and attempts to prevent the adoption of the debt audit bill in Tunisia and other similar bills elsewhere around the World.

We don't owe... We don't pay!

First signatures to the Declaration (in alphabetical order) :

ACET (Let's audit the credits toward Tunisia)

AFRODAD (African Forum and Network on Debt and Development)

ATTAC Gender, France

CADTM International (Committee for the Abolition of Third World Debt)

CASA DELLA SINISTRA "THOMAS SANKARA", Italy

COORDINADORA UN ALTRE MÓN ÉS POSSIBLE, Spanish State

EGYPTIAN CENTER FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RIGHTS (ECESR)

ELA, Basque country - Spanish State

GREEN HOUSE, United-Kingdom

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF INHABITANTS

INTERSINDICAL VALENCIANA, Valencian country - Spanish State

JUBILE SUD AMERIQUES, Latin America

LATINDADD, Latin America

MARCHE MONDIALE DES FEMMES International

NIE NASZ DLUG (Not Our Debt), Poland

PLATAFORMA AUDITORIA CIUDADANA DE LA DEUDA (PACD), Spanish State

POPULAR CAMPAIGN TO DROP EGYPT'S DEBT

RIVOLTA IL DEBITO, Italy

SOLDEPAZ PACHAKUTI, Spanish State

SUD BPCE, France

XXXE (NO DEBT-NO EURO), Greece

ZUKUNFTSKONVENT, Germany