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UNE SEULE RÉOLUTION PAR FEUILLE!

<b>TITLE/ TÍTULO/ TITRE:</b>	Resolution on Sexual Harassment and Sexist Behaviours in Political Parties and Organizations
<b>ORGANIZATION/ ORGANIZACIÓN/ ORGANISATION:</b>	AYF Philippines, MJS France, FGS Italy, SDLP Youth, MF Slovenia, Croatian Social Democratic Youth, Jongensocialisten Belgium
<b>COUNTRY/ PAÍS/ PAYS:</b>	Philippines, France, Italy, Ireland, Slovenia, Croatia, Belgium

<b>LINE/ LÍNEA/ LIGNE:</b>	<b>RESOLUTION/ RESOLUCIÓN/ RÉOLUTION</b>
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- 1 In the previous months, a great number of women from around the globe broke their
- 2 silence about gender-based violence and abuse. Stories about sexual harassment
- 3 especially in the professional arena crowded social media and in recent weeks, halls of
- 4 parliament. It's time to talk about something uncomfortable, something close to
- 5 ourselves and unfortunately, close to our own parties.
- 6 The nature of political parties constitutes a fertile ground for sexual harassment. Case
- 7 in point, there is no incentive for victims to report misconduct if a persistent sexual
- 8 predator represents the party and its platforms. Much to our regret, our own party
- 9 loyalty and power agenda precludes a safe professional environment for women in our
- 10 ranks.
- 11 There has been a surge of collective and deep frustration towards gross impunity
- 12 transpiring in the workplace and in public spaces. In the political arena, there has been
- 13 no lack of political maneuverings among parties when it comes to reports of harassment
- 14 and abuse, with most claiming moral high-ground over others. Even if progressive



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15 parties are pioneering on issues of gender equality, our parties are not exempt from  
16 incidences of harassment. As a lot have correctly pointed out, this issue is beyond  
17 political affiliation. Sexual violence and harassment are part and parcel of a structural  
18 issue; it is a result of age-old power imbalance and inequality of genders.

19 We, as young progressive organizations, applaud the movement of emboldened women  
20 sharing and condemning stories of sexual harassment. All women, regardless of race,  
21 ethnicity or social class, are entitled to feel comfortable at home, in their workplace, and  
22 in public spaces. We maintain that such a hostile culture against women has no place  
23 in modernizing societies and parties.

24 Misogyny and sexism exist around the globe, and it is in this same platform that we  
25 forward it and in this sense, we start with our parties at home. We affirm that our  
26 progressive family should look inward, not outward, in pursuing safe spaces for all.

27 Acts of sexual harassment should have concrete consequences, regardless of the  
28 person's position in the organization. Systems to report abuse and related sensitivity  
29 trainings should be institutionalized. As parties, we have to manifest our discomfort that  
30 sexual harassment and abuse are still present in our own institutions that claim to  
31 forward progressive change.

32 We recognize that it takes hard work and commitment to affect change in our  
33 organizations, especially with something that is so deeply-rooted such as gender  
34 inequality. But we believe that we can make solutions in our collective pursuit to build a  
35 more just world for all. We consider it to be our priority to build safe and welcoming  
36 organizations for women, recognize that an even greater burden is put on women of  
37 color and poor women, although it is a reality for all women across the globe. We also  
38 recognize that the fight for gender equality is absolutely interdependent with the fight for  
39 LGBTQI\* rights and the fight against poverty.

40 First and foremost, we believe that concrete solutions must be put in place in each of  
41 our organizations to avoid, report and condemn sexual harassment and misconduct in



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42 all our organizations. We engage each and every one of our organizations in the fight  
43 against sexism, gender-based violence and discrimination.  
44 We believe that such engagements will be void if they do not include systems and  
45 spaces for the liberation of speech of women. Good practices such as women's  
46 meetings, identified persons of trust on these issues, call to feminist sister organizations  
47 for counsel and hearing, gender-balanced boards, trainings for new and old activists,  
48 law counsel etc. are examples of good practices that need to be exchanged and can be  
49 implemented for our organizations to be safer. We cannot call ourselves feminists  
50 organizations, feminists parties and feminists activists if we do not make everything that  
51 is necessary to build a safe environment for women.  
52 We believe that a change needs to happen beyond borders and beyond our  
53 organizations: we recognize the right for every woman to its body's integrity, her right to  
54 take part in the political debate and to speak out on the discrimination she might be  
55 suborned to. It is also the responsibility to each and every one of our activist to put forth  
56 those practices and implement our will for change, and build a safer and a more equal  
57 world.

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