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Cordial solidarity greetings to the women of the world on the occasion of the International Women's Day, 8 March

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Hello, dear women,

the women's association Courage sends cordial solidarity greetings to you on the occasion of the International Women's Day 2012!

It is the first 8 March after the successful World Women's Conference of rank-and-file women in Venezuela. There it was decided: "Every year we do a campaign to regain the historical significance of March 8 as the day of tribute and the struggle of women in the world fighting against capitalist domination, patriarchy, imperialism and for the liberation of humanity."

Let us make it a joint militant day, united in solidarity with the women and girls worldwide!

A vigorous struggle for freedom and democracy has broken ground, often women are standing in the front rows:

After the nuclear catastrophe in Fukushima, Japan, it is mainly women who fight for the decontamination of the region and for the evacuation of the children. Women textile workers in Cambodia are striking for a living wage, women 'Triumph' workers in the Philippines against the closure of a plant. African women are active against genital mutilation which is still widely spread.

Also here in Germany there is a new awakening of the militant women's movement:

Many women and girls are active against nuclear energy and cutbacks in the health sector, for environmental protection, jobs and employment after training. Again mainly women are currently affected by the closure of many shops of the drugstore-chain 'Schlecker'.

On 8 March our women's association Courage will take to the streets in numerous towns organizing manifold actions – with international culture and music, demonstrations, parties or exhibitions – together with other women/organizations. We especially intend to win more women.

We would be very happy if you could pass on our greetings to your women and could send us a short report about how you are and what is planned in your country on 8 March. For exactly 100 years women have been singing the song "Bread and roses":

We want "a sharing of life's glories: Bread and roses, bread and roses!"

Best regards from Women's Association Courage, Germany

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