



Call for Action!
16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
November 25 – December 10, 2005

**For the Health of women, For the Health of the Worlds:
NO MORE VIOLENCE!**

Pledge:

For the physical, reproductive, economic and social health of women both in public and private environment; for the health of all the people, for the protection of human rights, for the promotion of sustainable development and for the peace in the world: **NO MORE VIOLENCE!**

2005 Campaign:

This year we would like to highlight the linkage between violence against women and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Violence and discrimination against women decrease the possibility for women to protect themselves from the infection and limit the access to health services. The violence represents violation of women's human rights throughout the world.

16 Days of Activism:

November 25: International Day Against Violence Against Women
December 1: World AIDS Day
December 6: Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre
December 10: Internacional Human Rights Day

During these dates, the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) has been coordinating the global level campaign since 1991. Examples of the activities and initiatives are: workshops, conferences, marches, pronouncements, newspaper articles, artistic activities, etc.

Participation of Latin America and the Caribbean:

Thousands of activists throughout the world participate in the campaign every year. This year, in Latin America and the Caribbean, women's organizations and networks, governments, parliamentarians, communication media etc. are working together to achieve better impact. It is important to highlight the UN interagency collaboration: United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW); and participation of other organizations: Inter-American Parliamentary Group on Population and Development (IAPG), Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), Latin American Alliance against Gender Violence, and ISIS International.

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16 Days of Activism and World AIDS Day

The slogan of the global campaign to combat HIV/AIDS coordinated by Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) is: “*Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.*” The campaign calls for governments to keep their policy commitments related to HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS DAY (December 1) falls during the 16 Days campaign, which provides an ideal opportunity to remind governments that in order to keep their promises on HIV/AIDS, they need to fulfill their commitments to prevent and eradicate violence against women as well. Other important initiatives that emphasize the link between HIV/AIDS and Violence against Women are the United Nations General Assembly’s Special Session on HIV/AIDS (January 2006) and the International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Toronto (August 2006).

How can you participate in the Campaign?

There are various planned activities that you can join, and your women’s organizations and institutions can plan your own actions and initiatives around the days of the International Calendar for 16 Days of Action.

We invite you to join all your planned activities in the International Calendar in Latin America and the Caribbean, please contact:

- the information focal point for Latin America and the Caribbean, ISIS International, at isis@isis.cl, www.isis.cl
- Sara Nordstrom, Center for Women’s Global Leadership (CWGL), at cwgl@igc.org, www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/16days/home.html

Submit your materials:

You can send all the materials that you produce (posters, photos, videos, declarations, information, reports, etc.) to CWGL and ISIS International. If you have electronic versions, we can upload them on the websites and portals of these organizations.

Information Packet:

ISIS International is producing an information packet based on the CWGL’s *Take Action Kit* and contributions by the participating organizations in the campaign. It will also launch 4 electronic bulletins *Interedes (Inter-network)* and incorporate the news on the Campaign in the websites: www.isis.cl www.redfem.cl and the portal www.mujereshoj.com

To receive the Information Packet for Latin América and the Caribbean, please contact isis@isis.cl

To receive the *Take Action Kit*, please contact snordsy@rci-rutgers.edu

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