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KOBANE IS IN OUR HEARTS

People from Iraq and Syria are suffering awful tragedy. ISIS, one of the most extremist and brutal organizations on the face of the planet, aims to drag society back into dark ages.

The United States took the lead of a military action without the backing of the United Nations and based solely on violence. The “belligerents for peace” of today are the same who have abandoned the Palestinian people in Gaza under the bombs of a besieging power. On the expenses of the peoples’ hope for peace in the region they use the same “anti-terrorist” flag as the one of the last ten years’ military interventions in Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq with the well-known results: hundreds of thousands of civilians killed, millions of refugees and displaced, destabilized States, empowered Al Qaeda and now the criminal apparatus of ISIS.

European Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI expresses full solidarity with women’s rights and civil rights organizations that are calling for the mobilization of all political forces to stop the violence; calling for the international institutions to provide all the needed political and humanitarian support for the security and safety of civilians, women and men exposed to fanaticism, to provide immediate protection for women and girls who are submitted to rape, sexual torture, slave markets, forced marriages with terrorists in Nikah-Jihad. The responsibility of the international community is also to assist under the umbrella of the United Nations those who resist the jihadists, on the first place the Kurdish women and men of Kobane. The heroic struggle of the people in Kobane is a universal one- for human freedom and dignity.

European Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI stays side by side with the Syrian, Iraqi and Kurdish women’s rights and civil rights organizations, who demand a political solution. IFE-EFI urges the international decision makers to take the following immediate steps:

- **Ban on all weapons to the ISIS followed by a ban on arm sales to the region.**
- **Political and economic sanctions on States that support the jihadist forces and/or trade oil with them.**
- **Prosecution of all perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against Humanity at the International Tribunal.**
- **Organizing under the auspices of the United Nation an international conference for peace in the Middle East.**

All the political solutions must be put on the agenda to stop the jihadists before they impose their atrocities in the whole region and wider.

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