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We Don't Want This Europe, Definitely Not!

The record voter low turn out in the EP elections is 43.39 percent. It is lower even than that the record low 45.47 percent in 2004. This shows the rejection and the doubt of millions of women and men living in European countries who are facing the lack of union of progressive forces for a real political alternative.

Regression of the social democracy which has supported the main part of the present European policies, strong presence of the right, weakening of the left, rising of the extreme right:

These are not good results for democracy in Europe nor are they for women's rights. These are not good results for those who want to break with the present choices of this patriarchal and capitalist Europe. In spite of few signs of hope we are prepared to face the consequences of the election results on our lives: more unemployment, more precariousness, more deregulation, more discrimination, more oppression, more weapons and less freedom, except for competition!

The daily life of millions of women living in European countries is the first to be threatened. More again because the ultra conservative religious forces get now more space to interfere more loudly in the political debate with their trail of threats for the rights, the freedom, the psychological and physical integrity of women.

We will oppose this evolution with our resistance and strength of conviction: without fundamental rights for women, there is no just future for Europe.

It is urgent to reinforce the feminist European front to favor the convergence of the feminist actions, to strengthen the solidarity among women beyond borders and cultures, to develop the cooperation with the progressive wing of the European Parliament to make our analyses known and our demands heard.

European Feminist Initiative (IFE-EFI) will go on widening and intensifying its campaign "Feminists for a Secular Europe". IFE-EFI will go on with its European appeal for the right to free abortion, contraception and sexual education. IFE-EFI will strengthen its action for the harmonization of the laws concerning women's rights on the highest and most progressive level, for all the women, in all the countries.

European Feminist Initiative demands equality, peace, freedom, democracy and social justice.

We also know that these basic demands are deeply questioning the political functioning of this Europe, so we remain the

European Initiative for another Europe, More Than Ever!