We, as colombian women, in our diversity and with our different social, political, economic, ethnic, religious, generational, gender identities and sexual orientations, address the country as political subjects, subjects of the law and actors of social transformation, using our active citizenship to exercise peace as a right and a collective responsibility.

We welcome the Government and the Insurgency’s commitment to follow through the task of putting an end to armed conflict, thus supporting our desire for peace with the actual dialogue and others to come. We believe that it is essential that they remain at negotiating table until they reach an agreement and recognize that these negotiations are one of the ways to achieve transformative, sustainable and durable peace.

The other paths towards peace, must modify our daily activities and behaviors as women and men in government, congress, judicial bodies, inspection bodies, organizations and political parties, social movements and organizations, educational institutions, media, in our home and in our society. We commit to be actively involved in our society’s ethical transformation and:

1. Recognize the humanity and the right to life of each and every one of the people who inhabit this country.

2. Recognize, respect and value diversity and political differences: no one holds the absolute truth.

3. Identify and challenge the interests, imaginations and myths that sustain violence.

4. Reclaim the notion and practice of the State of anchoring and celebrating the ethnic and cultural diversity of the country.

5. Defend a security policy centered on human beings and based on the full and effective respect of their rights.

6. Promote the respect and effective realization of human rights and economic justice by the state, companies and society as a whole.

7. Transform our exclusive authoritarian cultural practices and exercise equitable relationships between men and women.

8. Categorically reject all forms of violence against women and must make them unacceptable political and cultural occurrences.

9. Structure ideas and practices of "fair justice" in a legal framework that respects the human dignity of each and everyone.

10. Banish opportunistic, corrupt, manipulative and criminal practices present in all sectors of the country.

11. Recognize and overcome the deep pain caused by the violence that has been harming us for decades.

12. Promote active and inclusive dialogues taking care of individuals who think differently, in order to change the view that whoever is not with me is against me.

13. Develop a plural memory to collect the different feelings and views on what has happened in our country and ensure the non-repetition of this tragedy.

14. Promote and enforce ethical ways to exercise nonviolent politics at all levels, giving value to the public and collective heritage.

15. Defend and consolidate our active participation in public spaces for dialogue and political debate and the notion of opposition as part of the dynamics of democratic construction.

This call is driven by Collective Thought and Action on Women, Peace and Security, composed of women and organizations from multiple sectors committed to an ethical revolution for transformative, sustainable and durable peace building. We invite everyone who identifies with pact to sign it and disseminate it freely. It is a wide-ranging citizens initiative.

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"Our challenge to build peace as a society is that it requires a profound ethical transformation"