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Welcome to the international Women's Conference in Norway October 6th-8th.

The Norwegian name of the conference is "KVINNER SAMMEN - kvinner i kamp - kvinner i solidaritet", which means "WOMEN TOGETHER - Women in Struggle - Women in Solidarity".

The conference will start on Friday 6th at 6.30 pm. After a ceremony of opening the conference our guests from different areas will be asked to give a short speech on the theme "Women's daily life". We hope by this to get some impression of how the political situation in the different countries influence women's daily life. On this point we want one from each of the regions - Palestine, Latin America, Southern Africa, Afghanistan and The Philippines to speak.

Saturday morning we start at 9.30 am. with a short plenary session with three speeches - each of about 20 minutes - (from Southern Africa, Latin America and Palestine) on the question of "Women in struggle - militarization, violence and poverty".

For the rest of the day we will have workshops, where we want guests from different countries/regions to give short speeches (up to about 20 minutes). By bringing together experiences from different regions on the same issues we hope to get interesting discussions.

The participants choose which groups they want to go to from this list:

11.00pm-13.30 am: 1. Escaping - domestic refugees, bantustans, deportations.
(Afghanistan, Southern Africa, Palestine).

2. The change of women's role. Which are the consequences of the conflict for the role of women? National struggle for women's rights.

(Afghanistan, Southern Africa, The Philippines, Guatemala, Palestine, Iran.)

3. Feminization of poverty. An increasing part of the poor are women, which are the reasons?
(Southern Africa, The Philippines, Peru)

4. Low intensity conflict. A comprehensive strategy of war according to which the superpowers use marionette regimes and fight a war by political, economic, religious as well as military means.
(Southern Africa, The Philippines, Guatemala)

5. Military struggle and guerilla - Women's role.
(Afghanistan, Southern Africa, The Philippines, Palestine, Iran/Kurdistan.)

- 15.30-18.00 pm
1. Repatriation. Women's role when they turn back to the own country after living as refugees. (Afghanistan (?), Namibia, Guatemala)
 2. Women and education. Growing up in conflict. What is the importance of education - which kind of education? (Afghanistan, Southern Africa, Palestine, Iran(?))
 3. Trafficking in women. Prostitution, trafficking in women, dowry. (Southern Africa, The Philippines, Latin America, Iran, Afghanistan.)
 4. See no. 4 above. (South Africa, The Philippines, Guatemala, Iran/Kurdistan.)
 5. See no. 2 above. (Afghanistan, South Africa. The Philippines, Palestine.)

Sunday morning we start at 10.00 am.



The theme of this last day of the conference will be **"Women in solidarity"** where we hope to focus on the strength of women together and how women can organize on different levels and in different ways.

We want a speech of about 20 minutes from each of these regions: The Philippines, Latin America, Palestine, Southern Africa and Afghanistan, and we hope to have a short speech from Iran/Kurdistan and Eritrea before we have a debate where anybody from the audience is welcome to take part.

On Sunday the programme is supposed to last til about 3.15 pm.

On Saturday there will be a
lunch break 13.30 - 15.30,
on Sunday 12.20 - 13.20.