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### Hail March 8, International Women's Day

## All Out for Democratic Renewal and the Affirmation of Our Rights!

This year marks the 105th anniversary of the celebration of March 8, International Women's Day. The Marxist-Leninist Party of Quebec (PMLQ) salutes women around the world who every day are resisting and fighting against the neoliberal destruction of society by global monopolies and

governments in their service, against U.S. and NATO wars of aggression and regime change for world domination -- wars in which the Trudeau government fully commits Canada despite his so-called words for peace.



There is not a single front in which women in Quebec, Canada and First Nations women are not on the front lines of the people's struggle for their rights. The struggles for their rights are inextricably linked with the fight for the democratic renewal of society so that the rights of each and all are recognized and guaranteed.

Women are at the forefront of the fight against the anti-social offensive that puts all the human, natural and other resources available at the disposal of private monopolies, leaving in its

wake the destruction of living and working conditions, health care, education and services, even such basic needs as daycare services, all of which affect women in a particularly aggressive way.

They fully reject the extension given to arbitrary police powers to interfere in the lives of the people and criminalize them, especially the youth, under the pretext of combating radicalization and terrorism because they are opposed to war and aggression. They oppose the racist stigmatization of sections of the population, particularly people of Muslim faith, to divide the people on the basis of fabricated or distorted issues, as we have seen at Collège de Maisonneuve where baseless allegations about a "climate of terror" are made to justify the establishment of a true climate of terror with Bill 59 and police powers.



On March 8, women also express their anger at the indignities committed against First Nations women and girls and statements made by governments to the effect that this reflects a problem stemming from the people so as to whitewash the colonial relations the Canadian government has imposed, making First Nations women prey to violence.



They are also at the forefront of all those who demand new arrangements that will guarantee rights enshrined in a modern constitution, defended by a public authority to realize and guarantee those rights. Today we are witnessing the usurpation of the public authority by big private interests for their own purposes. The means that the needs of the people are sidestepped and the main problems of society and the nation are left unresolved. The problem to take up for solution is to establish a public

authority that defends the interests of the people, not those of the monopolies.

The PMLQ calls all women who are fighting to pave the way for the progress of society to join in the Party's program to politicize the people and unite people in public political forums where all

issues are discussed on the basis of the reality in which we live, rather than on dogma imposed on us by those who defend the large private interests. It includes the dogma about the government's "ability to pay" that defines the character of a society. There is also the dogma that the economic and social development of Quebec depends on our ability to "entice" monopolies to invest and that we must put all the nation's resources at their disposal. Another is the dogma that social programs are a "cost," even a "burden" to society rather than a benefit.

Join in to organize these forums and build organizations that put into practice placing the power to decide in the hands of the people and not permitting the division of the polity on the basis of the parties of the rich and interests and agendas that are not their own.

*Hail March 8, International Women's Day!  
Let us take the decision-making power over all matters that affect our lives!*



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• **Calendar of events for March 8,  
International Women's Day**

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## **Montreal Demonstrations**

**No to Islamophobia!**

### **Demonstrate Against Pegida's Paul Weston in Montreal**

**March 9**

**Rally at 6:00 PM**

**7655 Décarie blvd (Namur metro, orange line)**

On Wednesday, March 9, British fascist Paul Weston of Pegida UK will be speaking at a meeting at Ruby Foo's restaurant. Weston will be attacking Syrian refugees as a "threat" and opposing immigration generally.

Come out to protest this meeting and make it clear that fascists are not welcome in Montreal. Bring banners, signs, noisemakers, and friends.

*Information: [Facebook](#)*

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**No to War! Yes to Peace!**

### **Rally on the Occasion of the 13th Anniversary of Invasion of Iraq**

## March 19

Rally at 1:00 pm

Complexe Guy-Favreau, 200 René-Lévesque Blvd. West  
(Place d'Armes or Place des Arts metro stations)



March 19, 2016 will mark the 13th anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, marking the start of a war that has caused over 500,000 deaths. This year, the Trudeau government has announced Canada's continued

participation in the coalition, which has been increasing its attacks against the Syrian and Iraqi peoples since 2014. More than ever we must oppose this escalation of violence in the Middle East and reject the "war on terror" in which the civilian population suffers first and foremost.

In cities across Canada rallies for peace are being organized on this day. Let us unite to make March 19 a day for peace!

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