

## **Message to the March 4 Tokyo Rally Celebrating the International Women's Day 2023**

From the World Federation of Trade Unions

**We will struggle until the complete emancipation of every woman**

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The World Federation of Trade Unions, representing 105 million workers in 133 countries across the globe, expresses its solidarity and support to working women across the world in general and to the Japanese working women on the occasion of 8th of March International Women's Day, and sends a militant greeting to the participants of the International Women's Day 3.4 Tokyo Rally.

On the 8th of March we commemorate the struggles of working women to get to where they are today, but unfortunately the road is still far, as women all over the world are still suffering from payment inequality, harassments, gender bias, exploitation, trafficking, maternity leaves.

The situation and position of working women have been even more aggravated within the economic crisis that workers experienced in recent years all over the world. Most of the times, working women suffer more intensely by unemployment, wage cuts and violation of their fundamental rights.

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic the capitalist lies started piling, they were trying to convince us that pandemic temporarily affected the economic system, today we see that those effects were neither temporary nor they were effects of the pandemic, the pandemic only exposed the faults in the system.

Today inflation and price rise are affecting the working class as a whole, but most certainly it affects women more as result in their vulnerability and the economic dependence to a failed system.

as a social group that is more affected by the capitalist system aggression, exploitation, imperialist interventions. Such problems are the lack of necessary social support for maternity, lower wages, more flexible forms of employment, labor market discriminations and the lack of free time that often hinders women's participation in trade union activities. Moreover, working women often fall victims to employers' violence and racist pressures. Women migrants and refugees suffer various pressures and discriminations taking place against them.

Since its foundation until today, the WFTU has always been on the side of working women through various activities and initiatives. It has always highlighted the specific problems that women face.

In this struggle, men and women are allies and they walk side by side in social and political action, claiming a life as we deserve, for their families without wars and refugees, with constant and full-time work, with decent salaries and full insurance rights, with state infrastructures providing free public health, education, social welfare for all. We believe that to honor International Women's Day is to continue our struggles against these policies and their perpetrators. Until the complete emancipation of every woman in every corner of the planet.

(Headline by the editorial office)