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We women will be in Taksim, Istanbul on March 8!

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As women of Turkey, every March 8 for 11 years, we stand up against patriarchy, male violence, sexism, heterosexism, capitalism, militarism and war on a night march.

Since the previous March 8, we have gone through a year of increasing violence against women.

Every day we hear news of murders of women. In Turkey 3 women are murdered every day. Murderers and rapists go unpunished. The state tries to prevent divorces instead of tackling male violence.

The AKP, the ruling party, which is the sole holder of the legislative, executive and judicial powers, recently deprived us, *de facto*, our right to abortion; public hospitals reject us. Access to contraceptive methods has been limited. The government does not hesitate to do everything to control women's bodies. He is preparing laws that aim to condemn us to a life of temporary and precarious work. As for the number of women's shelters and counseling centres, they are so few that it is negligible in Turkey. The Ministry of Family and Social Policies, instituted after having dissolved the Ministry of Women, transforms women's shelters and counseling centers into "centers protecting the family", thus condemning women to lock themselves in the family.

We resisted sexist state policies, as women in the streets, during the Gezi Park Resistance that took place in Taksim in recent months. By resisting, we directly experienced police violence and harassment.

Women have already faced police violence during the March 8 celebrations in Beyazit in 2005. The Turkish Republic had been condemned by the European Court of Human Rights because of this police aggression.

Today, Taksim Square, where women led their struggle, where they continue to exist with the slogan "we don't leave the nights, nor the streets" despite police violence and the barriers erected in front of us, is under police blockade.

On the streets where for 11 years we have been fighting for the emancipation of women, on March 8 of this year, we face the threat of police violence and harassment and their pepper spray.

Faced with growing pressures against women, we do not give up the fight, our revolt against male domination!

We, as feminists, will march this March 8, at night towards Taksim, as we have been doing for 11 years.

The AKP government, which keeps attacking all areas of our lives, wants to take over the road we walk on. Despite the AKP and all its prohibitions, we will meet again in Taksim and raise our voices.

We call on all women around the world to raise their voices and act in solidarity for the emancipation of women and against police violence, even if they cannot be present with us in Taksim that day. We will overcome the police barricades together!

We are not afraid that the father will come, the husband will come, the policeman will come, the truncheon will come! Let's persist in revolt, let's persist in revolt, let's persist for freedom!

Istanbul Feminist Collective

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1. Isabelle GILLETTE-FAYE, Directrice Générale GAMS dit :

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