Dear friends and sisters,

each of us bears the pain of the past. We have experienced poverty, misery, war, political persecution, sexual violence and humiliation. We took a long, tortuous journey and together we are now here in the migration in exile.

In recent years we have increasingly noticed that the participation of women in our self-organized struggle of refugees and migrants is very low. We, the women, who experience most of exclusion, exploitation and humiliation in our (refugee’s) everyday life, are hardly involved actively in the struggle for liberation and improvement of our life situation.

The issue of low participation of women has been discussed on the Break Isolation Camp in Erfurt in the summer of 2012. Women, we have visited in the refugee camps, told us about their isolation, their exclusion and their fears as well as the lack of an organized struggle for the rights of refugee women.

That is why we organize the first refugee women conference. We ask ourselves:

How can we organize ourselves even more and stand up for our right to political resistance?

During the Refugee Women's Conference together with all the women we want to discuss on the situation in our countries of origin, migration and our specific reasons for flight and about our life here in Germany with all sexist, racist and exclusionary laws.

The aim of the conference is to create a self-organized struggle of women which will be expressed at the "international refugee tribunal against the Federal Republic of Germany – United against colonial injustice" in June 2013 in Berlin.

To mobilize for the refugee women's conference we will meet with you in the isolation camps, lager, shared barracks and with women’s alliances that already work together with The CARAVAN for the Rights of Refugees and Migrants to speak with you about your situation and to inform about the refugee women’s conference.

Refugee Women's Conference, from April 19 to 21, 2013 in Hamburg,

Hein-Köllisch-Platz 11, 20359 Hamburg.

Accommodation and travel expenses will be provided. For catering and child care we receive support and solidarity from caravan activists and AGIF activists.

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