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The Asociación Colectivo Mujeres al Derecho, along with our allies networks in Latin America and the Caribbean, shares and welcomes the postulates, reaffirmations and goals proposed as a framework for the Resolution on Population and Sustainable Development, in particular, a sustained and inclusive economic growth of this session. However, we would like to make the following contributions to its strengthening.

We reaffirm that, to achieve progress on population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth, it must be by involving women, girls and marginalized and isolated communities from power. That we also have proposals and experiences of good practices with which we have resisted and overlived the interrelationship of crisis. But a premise is necessary.

We urge you to seek us, to reach our territories, those furthest from centers of power, generate true dialogues, practices, and pilot models of the diversity of paradigm on development that exist ancestral, empirical if you want to call it that. But above all our own, innovative, irreverently human and environmentally respectful. Create science, technology, sustainable development with us. Recognize our innovative proposals. Our feminist economy, own and community. Invest sufficient resources in our ventures, practices and economic models, without intermediaries.

Sustained and inclusive economic growth must include our perspective as women, the ecofeminist and biocultural care and productive economy. It must see, recognize and count on our inclusive practices, it implies thinking, like us and in the teaching of the Afro-Brazilian activist *Leila Gonzales, moving away from the forms of domination and political ideologies that replicate colonial representations, which produce and reinforce the inequalities of daily life (Gonzales 1988)*. Precisely women organized from an interdisciplinary theory and practice have innovated and tested perspectives that are in arrears of being recognized and patented as knowledge and production of science, technology, innovation and development, including research methodologies, participatory action with a gender focus of ecology and the rural world, production of data and gender statistics, the intersectionality, anti-racial and anti-colonial approach; ecofeminism, the reproductive and care economy, family agroecology, among others.

Of the need to have data and indicators that account for the realities of the rural world, women and the ecosystems that make it up, produced and collected participatively with the same communities and not from projections of other data as currently do the statistical units of the countries of Latin America. Censuses and other methods must be designed and applied that name and tell what is not seen but felt, the body of women as spoils of war and dispossession, the hands of working women, women who have not been remunerated for their contributions for their strengthening, good living and sustainable development.

Thank you. We remain at your entire disposal.