

Dear Sisters in the Struggle,

Many of us in the March 8 Coalition 1989 are concerned about having a broader representation in the Coalition which can adequately reflect the diverse representation of women's groups in Metro Toronto. Upon completion of our internal evaluation of this years International Women's Day we recognize the need for a more cohesive network of women to advance the struggle.

It is for this primary reason, why we take this opportunity to reach out to those of you who have been part of the coalition and to those who have never been. to attend and participate in an Open Meeting scheduled for April 30, 1989 at 12:30-4:30 at

The purpose of this meeting is to have free and frank discussion about the issues affecting women and the role of the March 8 Coalition in putting forward these issues. It is therefore necessary for us to set priorities and concerns into a dynamic political agenda for March 8, 1990. This most serious objective concerns can only be achieved if we attend this meeting, raise our objections to the present structure of the Coalition and present concrete changes for that structure. The Coalition over the years has shown less than a progressive understanding of all women's oppression both nationally and internationally. And as such, has alienated many women who are committed to improvement in women's lives globally.

In order to build a women's movement that truly addresses the issues we face as a result of race, class and gender oppression, we know we must build links between women who are getting hit with it and fighting back. We want International Women's Day and the Coalition that plans it, to be an opportunity to build this kind of women's movement. We hope that we can learn form this year and years before and look toward working together to broaden the Coalition and build a more representative movement.

In Solidarity.