

And in every region, *our rights as women workers are systematically denied.*

- Six million women in the Philippines—20 percent of the working-age population—migrate overseas as domestic workers often working seven days a week for substandard salaries and experiencing abuse and harassment.
- Ninety percent of women workers in India are in the informal economy, working as street vendors, rag pickers and incense rollers with little protection for their rights under labor laws.
- Women active in the union movement in Colombia suffer the highest rate of assassination in the world.
- Women working in free trade zones in northern Mexico often must take pregnancy tests and may be required to take birth control pills.
- The HIV/AIDS epidemic in South Africa is decimating the workforce, especially young women and women in their prime work years. The majority of these women do not have the right to affordable health care.
- Women in the United States have no right to paid maternity leave, unlike women in every other industrialized country.
- In the United Kingdom, more women are working as home-based workers, using their homes as their workplaces with little regulation and few protections.
- Danger to the health and safety of China's industrial workforce is a key women's issue. Fires in toy and clothing factories are reminiscent of working conditions in the West 100 years ago.
- As many as 50,000 women are trafficked each year into the United States to serve the sex industry and work in sweatshops.
- As Bulgaria makes the transition to a market economy, women suffer the highest rates of unemployment and often experience unfair dismissal, hiring practices and wage discrimination.