



WIDF STATEMENT – WOMAN SITUATION ON WORK

On behalf of WIDF I would like to address to this UN plenary about the women situation on work and wages, the problems that they are facing.

We are living today in a grave conjuncture of an international financial crisis, which omens have been increasing and that is today a harsh reality to global economies.

Recession has reached the economies of the USA, Japan and Europe. It is aggravating the situation of women day by day, with the increasing deprivation of their jobs. The number of fired people in every parts of the world is increasing.

The last unemployment's rate in the United Kingdom shows that women are losing their jobs twice faster than men. During the last three months of 2008, the official data show that 36 thousand men have lost their jobs whereas 53 thousand women were dismissed at the same period. As their position is more expensive to the employer, due to the costs of the maternity leave, women are the prior choice at dismissal moment.

The LIO report, "Working Panorama for Latin America and Caribbean – 2008" anticipates that "due to the crises, up to 2.4 million people could enter the regional unemployment queues in 2009", adding up to the almost 16 million that are already unemployed.

