

For the respect of the civil rights of prostitutes

Because as long as we are perceived as quiescent prostitutes or informers who are the victims of extortion and exploitation, we are tolerated. Yet, whenever we pretend enjoyment of the same rights granted to all other citizens, we are then persecuted and threatened.

For the freedom of self-determination of sexual choices

Because sexual liberty cannot be bargained. Neither the State or the Church can decide our place! The state has the duty to guarantee the respect of diversity, especially when it does not infringe upon the rights of other citizens.

For the freedom to sell or buy sex among consenting adults

Because in the total absence of violence, force, or exploitation, prostitution, when carried out under complete freedom of choice, is an expression of sexuality. First, to prohibit it is ridiculous; moreover, it is illegal.

For the fight against the trafficking of women and for authentic regard and concern for its victims

Because all the forces of investigative and judiciary machinery must be concentrated towards striking against and dismantling the networks of Mafiosi criminality which derive profit from the misery, the hunger, the poverty, and the pursuit of happiness of the women involved.

Beyond Tolerance and Compassion for the Recognition of Rights

Against arbitrary operations of the police towards prostitutes and their clients

Such operations are unfounded because the intent and the letter of the Merlin Law are distorted. In reality, these operations, which show the repressive face of the State, are an open aggression against the liberties of our Status of Rights.

Against the moralistic hypocrisies of Government representatives

Who sheepishly renounce the defence of the laity of our Republic State, while readily accepting nearly everything that is gratuitously inveighed against by the ecclesiastical hierarchy of the Vatican.

Against the false fight, against the exploiters of prostitution, which effectively strikes only against victimised prostitutes rather than against the criminal exploiters who are members of racketeer-influenced and corrupt organisations

Everyday the Minister of the Interior and the State Police authorities proudly announce the number of prostitutes that have been hauled-up, arrested and expelled from our country as well as the number of clients that have been fined and denounced. O that they might begin to tell us, even occasionally, how many exploiters that have been arrested, condemned, and expelled!

Against policies that produce stigmatisation and social exclusion of prostitutes

Such policies compound the unmotivated and irrational fears of public opinion, which is manipulated by political demagoguery from all sides for electoral results. These policies stir up racism and xenophobia and give greater substance to the generic, yet dangerous, "demand for law and order", which would concede wilfully trampling upon the rights of certain categories of citizens. We must realise that ignoring the rights of the least of our citizens or residents can and will eventually lead to erosion of the rights of all.



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