

COMMITTEE FOR GENDER EQUALITY

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Socialist International and the Socialist International Women

REPORT

At the Council of the Socialist International (SI), which took place in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 28 and 29 January 2019, the first meeting of the SI Committee for Gender Equality took place. This Committee, which was created during the last Congress of the SI in Cartagena in 2017, aims to align the SI and its members with their gender equality texts.

At the end of the meeting, the Gender Equality Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of the following decisions:

1- The obligation of all members to apply the quota in our current texts related to the representation of women in delegations to our various meetings, which is at least 30%. This decision takes effect from the next SI council, with a consequence of the breach at the next council;

2- Send to the member parties a questionnaire that allows us to collect information related to the socio-political situation of women, both within the member parties and in the country in general. This questionnaire aims to take an inventory through the development of a global map of the specific gender situation of the SI. It will allow us to detect good or bad practices and help parties achieve their gender equality objectives;

3- Take into account the gender dimension in all the issues addressed by the IS;

4- Request to the Ethics Committee to no longer admit or change the status of any party that does not meet the current SI requirements on gender;

5- Each year, a prize will be awarded to the party, government or person that has distinguished itself in the promotion of gender equality;

6- The SI will develop initiatives on specific issues of great importance on gender, such as violence against women;

7- The SI will communicate its priorities regarding gender equality to the board, to all its members and to the public.
