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PEACE TENT STATEMENT

The Peace Tent is the international feminist alternative to men's conflict and war. It is the place where finding peaceful solutions to conflict, both in personal lives and in the public arena, is the priority. The opportunity is offered for every woman's voice to be heard.

It is important that women whose countries are locked in conflict meet and communicate to expose the patriarchial barriers to peace. Patriarchial values and logic constitute the roots of violence: men against women, men against men, race against race, nation against nation, religion against religion, and rich against poor. This logic and its values create hunger and death for millions.

The Peace Tent offers the opportunity to all women at the Forum to share life experiences and information on common causes, and a place where women can celebrate differences and rejoice in similarities. The Peace Tent creates the space for women to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of human relationships for use in the public sphere which has been denied them. In the Peace Tent, women can substitute women's truths for patriarchial lies through dialogue, films, and exhibits; women's joy for patriarchial pessimism through song, dance, and art. The aim of the Peace Tent is to bring women's peacemaking will and consciousness to the world, which so desperately needs it.

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