SUMMARY

SIW REGIONAL MEETING

MARCH 2023, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



This regional meeting of the Socialist International Women (SIW) took place at the JW Marriott Hotel in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 26 March 2023 in the presence of a significant participation of Latin American leaders from the region.

The meeting had a special connotation as it was held straight after the First Regional Forum of Progressive Governments of the Latin American and Caribbean Region of the Socialist International – the first regional meeting of its type and which was chaired by the President of the Government of Spain, and President of Socialist International, Pedro Sánchez, and the General Secretary of the Socialist International, Benedicta Lasi. Several Presidents, Heads of Governments and Ministers from the region attended the event.

The Dominican Revolutionary Party (PRD) was the host party and Doña Peggy Cabral de Peña Gómez, Acting President of the PRD, was also present at our regional meeting. A large number of women also participated, representing the PRD Women's Secretariat.

The SIW President, Janet Camilo, welcomed everyone to the event, introducing all the speakers of the 'Forum for Democracy and Political Participation of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean'. The President moderated the debate between four great women: Beatriz Paredes, Senator of Mexico; Kathia Rivera, Deputy of Costa Rica; Martha Campo of Colombia and Hana Jalloul, Deputy of Spain.

Camilo highlighted that to consolidate democratic processes it is essential that citizens become active agents of community life, and this involves reinforcing the culture of participation in

which identity and self-esteem, the value of collective work and a sense of belonging, are absolutely fundamental.

The new realities of the region demand joint strategies from governments, supported by international, bilateral and multilateral cooperation, and from ministries of education who through their curriculum can strengthen democratic values, promote the full exercise of citizenship, and the development of good practices of public affairs as well as teach transparency and the fight against corruption. All of this, within the framework of guaranteeing respect for human rights.

