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Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings from GAATW International Secretariat.

Before the end of 2013, the GAATW-International Secretariat reflected on its work for the last three years of our project cycle. Inputs from our members about priorities for GAATW's future work suggest that we will continue with our thematic programmes on Accountability and on Power in Migration and Work.

This year we commemorate the 20th year of GAATW's journey! It has been a meaningful 20 years in which we have continuously demanded human rights for all migrating women, regardless of their work or legal status. For our 2014 e-Bulletin, we will honour the women whose vision of centring the knowledge, lived experiences and voices of migrating women and trafficked persons has materialized into this network. In each of our monthly issues, we will talk to one of our founding sisters about the early work of GAATW, the challenges and significant contributions of the Alliance to the Women's Rights Movement. And to highlight two decades of the Alliance's work, we will also feature the insights of long-time allies and advocates in their work promoting women's rights, labour rights and migrant rights around the world.

Moreover, we dedicate these 20 years to the resilience of women who continue to find space to express their voice in the face of adversity be it within their home, their community, their own country or beyond. Without the efforts that women around the world are making every day to assert their existence and their rights, the women's movement would not have been possible.

2014 GAATW International Members Congress

Every three years, the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) organises an International Members Congress (IMC). The first such event was held in December 2004 on the eve of GAATW's 10th anniversary and was followed by another Members Congress and Conference in 2007 and 2010. From the first IMC, a decision was made to bring GAATW members and allies together every three years for collective strategic planning as part of developing a democratic and consultative alliance. The International Members Congress has since become a space where links between local, regional and global levels can be strengthened and decisions about GAATW's three year thematic focus can be endorsed by members and allies.

The 20th anniversary of GAATW will be an occasion to take stock of our work and define the priorities for the alliance in consultation with members and friends. Together with members we will showcase and analyze current programmes and plan next steps. We will also look at emerging issues, try to define challenges and opportunities and plan our steps for engagement.

SAVE THE DATE:

*GAATW International Members Congress (IMC)
23-26 September - Bangkok, Thailand*

If any of you would like to send your anniversary message or simply share your experience of being associated with GAATW, we would like to hear from you. Write to us at info@gaatw.org.

We will continue to update our website with our current activities. Please visit our website for updated information and our publications, which are available for free download. We also continue to connect regularly with our members through our [Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women Facebook page](#). If you haven't connected with us yet on Facebook, please join us there to share your work and activities. We will also continue to share information through our mailing list groups and encourage readers to engage with this forum to share and learn from our extensive network.

Warm Regards,

GAATW International Secretariat

Human Rights at home, abroad and on the way

The GAATW e-bulletin is sent out to all member organisations of the Alliance as well as to many of its friends and sister NGOs worldwide. The e-bulletin is published once a month. A Spanish version goes out to the GAATW REDLAC mailing list after the English version. Sometimes additional follow up information and/or reminders are also sent via email to member organisations. Primarily a tool for communication between the International Secretariat and the Alliance members, the e-bulletin aims to cover a broad range of topics although trafficking related issues remain its special focus. We also use this e-bulletin to inform members about upcoming events and provide regular updates about the Secretariat. We strongly encourage members and friends to send us their input to the e-bulletin at gaatw@gaatw.org. If you do not want to receive this e-bulletin please send us a message at gaatw@gaatw.org and we will delete your address from the list. Please note that we have not inserted the advertisements that may appear on this message. GAATW International Secretariat is not associated in any of these ads over which we have no control.