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*Break the silence and indifference, get in the game now,
before it is too late.*

Vera Vigevani Jarach, Madre de Plaza de Mayo

Contribute to start the II Italian Caravan for the rights of migrants, for dignity and justice

The call

The Italian Caravan for the rights of migrants, dignity and justice of migrants, which will travel across Italy for two weeks is about to start again.

This second caravan will follow the same route taken by the first one, combining approaches and disciplines, encouraging dialogue among witnesses and realities that otherwise might not meet. Seen from the above, this deployment of energy on many objectives could be seen as an effort to identify forms of community organization in the territories, new forms of participation, bonds of solidarity, good practices that can reverse, or at least slow down, the race towards a new Middle Ages.

Italy and Mexico together? Why?

Similarities between North American and Mexican migration policies and the European ones are increasingly evident.

If we do not want to ignore this fact, we need to know that the overseas policies have not stopped the multitude of people on the move, the passages have become increasingly dangerous and the number of unaccompanied minors who undertake these types of journeys and disappear or are rejected once they have reached the United States of America is increasing. The decision of moving the border more southern and militarize forests and deserts has not solved the problem.

The Mexican situation, although it is very different from the Italian one, announces phenomena that we should fight, especially to ensure that those mechanisms do not settle in in our country, in Southern Italy or along the new Balkan corridors.

The Mexican witnesses who were present at the first caravan reminded - to the people met in the trip - the strategies of merchants of human beings and how their undisturbed behaviour has quickly changed an entire region of the planet. Trafficking in human beings has become profitable as much as the drug trade.

During an audition about the operation Sophia in the Mediterranean Sea, the commander of EunvaFor Med mission, announced that some unaccompanied minors "may have been sold to networks of trafficking in human organs".

The journey of the migrants coming from Central America often coincides with the narcos routes, similarly to what happens in Italy with Mafia, and those who in a few months have taken over the Balkan corridor, inexorably wide the control over the destiny of those migrants who reach the European shores. We should wonder about the importance of the illegal economy on the budget of our country. It is essential that those new citizens, who come from the "south of the world", come into contact, in the first place, with the most helpful part of our country. This is the only way of guaranteeing the integration of these people. The acceptance is the key to transform these people into "citizens among citizens".

Against this background, a hallmark of our experience is the bond with the Movimiento Migrante Mesoamericano organizing the Caravana de Madres centroamericanas buscando a sus familiares desaparecidos.

As the plural noun suggests, "CarovaneMigranti" wants to build a bridge with that decade of experience.

Why do we need your help?

We are all volunteers, the organization does not cost anything, except from the commitment. Each of us will pay its trip fees, but we need your help to cover the costs for our precious and fundamental witnesses. More in particular, we will have to buy 6 tickets (3 from Mexico, 1 from Spain, 1 from Tunisia and 1 from Algeria). Other costs for our witnesses are: board and lodging, the van with which they will travel, gasoline, highway costs, ferry tickets with which they will come back at the end of the journey.

Who will walk with us?

This year the Italian Caravan will walk with very important witnesses:

Gricelides Ana Enamorado from Honduras, she is one of the mothers of the Caravana Centroamericana/Central American Caravana and of the Movimiento Migrante Mesoamericano.

Maria Guadalupe Gonzalez Herrera, she takes part of a group of women known as "Las Patronas", who lives in Patronas district of the city of Los Reyes state of Veracruz in Mexico

Omar Garcia, spokesman of the students of the Norma Rural Ayotzinapa School, survivor of the massacre of the 26 September 2014.

Imed Soltani, with Tunisian parents of the organization Terre pour tous.

Also an **Algerian lawyer** and a Spanish group of **volunteer firemen** who rescued hundreds of people off the coast of Lesbos will join us.

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