

## **Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resources and Management**

We support the statements made by Indigenous Peoples, Germany and Switzerland.

An important international conference happened in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in March 2006 on Agrarian and Land Reform and Rural Development. ICARRD organized by FAO and the Brazilian government which had a Final Declaration agreed by 92 governments was attended by 150 umbrella civil society organizations, majority of them from social movements.

The way forward or recommendations of ICARRD, which were not even factored in the RIMs in Africa and Asia, and also in this RIM, have recommendations for follow up mechanisms including the promotion of social and negotiated dialogue among actors who have a vision within a territory and ensuring that highly marginalized groups such as small holder farmers, women, indigenous peoples and pastoralist, should be considered in policies and decision making processes at all levels.