

25 YEARS LATER

REMEMBER FOR THEM

IN MEMORY
OF THE EVENTS
THAT OCCURRED
ON DECEMBER 6, 1989
AT THE MONTREAL
POLYTECHNIQUE SCHOOL
AND IN MEMORIAM
OF THE 14 LOST WOMAN

STATEMENT

25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE
TRAGEDY OF DECEMBER 6, 1989

ON DECEMBER 6, 1989, FOURTEEN YOUNG WOMEN DESTINED TO BECOME ENGINEERS WERE MURDERED WITH A LEGALLY ACQUIRED GUN FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT THEY HAD CHOSEN A TRADITIONALLY MALE-DOMINATED CAREER. THIRTEEN OTHER MEN AND WOMEN WERE ALSO INJURED. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE MASSACRE AND THE MOTIVATIONS BEHIND IT HAVE MADE IT A SYMBOL OF THE ONGOING STRUGGLE AGAINST MISOGYNY AND VIOLENCE, A SYMBOL AROUND WHICH QUEBECERS AND CANADIANS HAVE RALLIED.

On this 25th anniversary of that darkest of days, we join our voices to the many organizations and citizens united in the belief that our duty to remember must also lead to concrete actions to...

strengthen the fight to end violence against women, and ensure that all women can exercise their right to live in safety in a peaceful society. In Quebec, women make up 80% of victims of domestic crimes, 96% of sexual assault victims, and 93% of domestic homicide victims. Since the Polytechnique tragedy, more than 1,500 women across Canada have died at the hands of their spouse, ex-spouse or other intimate partner.

counter inequalities between women and men, by opposing discrimination against women as well as their marginalization and exclusion in matters of education, the workplace, economic security and health.

continue the struggle for better gun control, given the abolition of the long-gun registry and the further weakening of controls by the current federal government at the behest of the gun lobby. Firearms allow dangerous, ill-intentioned persons to more easily and effectively inflict damage, resulting in greater numbers of victims. Legislation restricting access to and ownership of firearms, and limiting the types of weapons available to the public, is essential to minimize gun-related deaths and injuries.

IN MEMORIAM

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