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**US and Latin American Abortion Activists Unite To Mobilize Against The Rise of Authoritarianism and Ultra-Right Religious Movements**

*The 2nd Annual Green Wave Gathering brought together 140 activists from across the Americas to share strategies and solidarity in the face of reproductive oppression.*

*[\\*click here for photos of the Green Wave Gathering\\*](#)*

**Mexico City, MX** – The Green Wave – the abortion rights movement originated in Latin America and led by activists who overturned extreme abortion bans across the region – continues spreading throughout the Americas, inspiring a new wave of activism and solidarity.

For the second year, U.S. abortion activists met with Green Wave leaders from countries like Argentina, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, and Chile to share strategies and insights on advancing abortion reform. The gathering, which took place in Mexico City, aimed to strengthen the movement by learning from each other's successes and challenges in navigating complex environments where abortion access remains marginalized, criminalized, and surveilled.

"At this pivotal moment, we must unite our efforts for the recognition and guarantee of reproductive rights," stated **María Antonieta Alcalde Castro, director of Ipas Latin America and the Caribbean**. "Despite the challenges we face in accessing safe and legal abortion and the initiatives that put them at risk, we remain committed to working with organizations, institutions, and individuals to close the historical debt on reproductive autonomy issues. The Green Wave Gathering represents a beacon of hope, inspiring us to continue sharing our struggles and testimonies. Together, we can achieve a world where reproductive rights are fully realized".

The 2nd Annual Green Wave Gathering, hosted by Women's Equality Center, Ipas, and the Guttmacher Institute, brought together a diverse group of activists, advocates, and experts to inspire and strengthen movements for reproductive health, rights, and justice. Held during a surge in authoritarianism, ultra-right religious movements, racism, misogyny, trans- and homophobia, and reproductive oppression across the Americas, the gathering provided a vital platform for activists to connect, learn from each other, and fortify their efforts to protect and advance reproductive freedom.

"The untapped power and sheer force of a unified transnational movement was palpable at the Green Wave Gathering II in Mexico City. We are just scratching the surface and beginning to

understand what might be possible when we work together across borders. The marea verde is unstoppable and it is taking root in the US. Abortion is health care and access to health care is a human right for everyone - for someone in McAllen Texas and for someone in Mexico City. We will never stop fighting for our human rights," said Bethany Van Kampen Saravia, legal senior advisor, Ipas US

The gathering offered a critical space for engaging in discussions and collaboration on a broad range of strategies, including law and policy, culture change, grassroots engagement, research, direct service, movement building, and more. Speakers and attendees included increased representation and perspectives from the Caribbean, Afrolatines, Indigenous, Trans, and LGBTQ advocates.

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