

# **SOLIDARITY MAKES US STRONGER!**



PSAC has fought time and again to defend the human rights of our members, in particular their right to non-discrimination and equality.

## Islamophobia is on the rise

Ever since 9/11, Islamophobia has been on the rise. All too often, Muslims are arbitrarily arrested, detained and imprisoned. Muslim women are harassed, fired and discriminated against when applying for jobs, especially if they are wearing the hijab.

#### Women and scarves

Since time immemorial, in every culture, women have worn scarves, either in a serious or playful manner, for religious, practical or traditional reasons, to work, to play, or to make a statement.

### The rise of religious fundamentalism

Freedom of religion is a fundamental right enshrined in the Charter and in international law. However, religious fundamentalism of any faith can marginalize and disempower women. We must mobilize to fight against all expressions of intolerance in defence of women's equality.

### Our commitment to women's equality

Muslim women are confronted with high levels of unemployment and discrimination at work. Employment equity, pay equity, decent benefits and pensions, quality child care, effective protection against all forms of discrimination and the respect of labours rights: these will effectively promote women's equality and human rights.

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