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The main activities of CLADEM Brazil during the first semester of 2004 have been:

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- CLADEM Brazil is currently doing (jointly with AGENDE) the evaluation of the Campaign in favor of the 16 days of activism to end gender violence.
- An article on the study “Legitimate Defense of Honor: Illegitimate Impunity of the Assassins – A Critical Study of Brazilian Jurisprudence” was published in the magazine Epoca de Globo on February 9, 2004: <http://revistaepoca.globo.com/Epoca/0,6993,EPT673863-1664,00html> The study was elaborated by three CLADEM Brazil lawyers, who researched 42 cases in which assassins used that thesis in the tribunals.
- On May 28th CLADEM Brazil presented the ESCR Dossier in Portuguese in Sao Paulo.
- CLADEM Brazil adhered to a letter promoted by ABGLT –the Brazilian Association of Gays, Lesbians and Transgender- vis-à-vis homophobic declarations by the Minister of Justice.
- CLADEM Brazil participated in the meeting on training of DEAMs Southeast on June 3 – 4 in Brasilia.
- The Brazilian government presented the candidacy of **Silvia Pimentel**, CLADEM Brazil’s National Coordinator, to the Experts’ Committee of CEDAW. CLADEM made a support campaign focused in Latin America and the Caribbean and additional alliances were sought with Canadian NGOs and networks as well as with Scandinavian countries, etc. Subsequently **Silvia** was elected a member of this prestigious international Committee.
- CLADEM Brazil performed a systematization on inclusive language with a view to make it useful at the moment of requesting from the authorities that the language to be used in the normative texts be indeed inclusive.

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- CLADEM Brazil is working in the process of obtaining a bill regarding domestic and family violence against women in Brazil. It participated in a meeting aimed at creating a commission to perform a public consultation. The installation of said Inter-ministerial Group was done on April 19 – 20 in Brasilia, with the participation of CLADEM's National Coordinator.
- CLADEM Brazil was invited by the Special Secretariat for Women's Policies to respond to the questionnaire sent to the governments on the application of Beijing (a serious and critical document, much like the CEDAW's Alternative Report).
- CLADEM Brazil sent a letter to the Justice for Consumers Sponsor, regarding Kaiser Beer, making a number of suggestions in relation to the solution agreement. On April 19, 2004, Brazil's Kaiser Beer Co. committed to different activities in accordance with the Arrangement Commitment Terms. Among others, the company committed to publish in several written media a notice highlighting the female *persona* with the phrases: "Beer and Respect for Women: Kaiser's Specialties" and "Kaiser's Tribute to the International Day for a Non-Sexist Education". The company was also forced to fully subsidize five events in five different regions of the country. The workshops shall be organized by CLADEM and/or another associate entity, and the name of Kaiser Co. must not be referred to.
- The proposal sent to the Legislative Participative Commission PL 1308/03, is currently before the Constitution, Justice and Citizenship Commission (CCJC). In the case of bill 304/03, belonging to House of Representative Lara Bernardi, which extinguishes the exemption of matrimony in rape cases, the verdict of the Rapporteur, House of Representative Edna Macedo (PTB-SP) is negative, because she considers that it is important to "preserve the conjugal and

family peace of the victim". Strategies are being studied to influence the Rapporteur of PL 1308/03 and support the bill 304/03. CLADEM Brazil made a pronouncement on the sanction of the mentioned bill, indicating that in spite of the fact that domestic violence is typified as a crime, this is true only in relation to cases of injury, and only by establishing a differentiated penalty, which does not imply any significant changes on the issue of domestic violence and does not take the advances of the bill that is being worked on by GTI and the Consortium.

- On May 28th, in the city of Sao Paulo, the ceremony of incorporation of **Silvia Pimentel** to CLADEM's Honorary Consulting Council was held. The event was attended by the members of the Management Committee, the associations of CLADEM Brazil, friends, kin, and representatives of women's organizations.
- A Brazilian colleague participated in the Joint Special Meeting of the Permanent Council and the Women's Inter-American Commission (CIM), on the promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equality (Resolution AG/RES.1941 (XXXIII-0/03), which was held in the OAS Head Office in Washington, on April 21st, 2004.
- CLADEM accepted being co-sponsor of the demonstration in Washington (organized by the Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Organization for Women, Planned Parenthood, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health and the Black Women's Health Imperative) which objective is to support **abortion** and reproductive freedom: www.marchforwomen.org. Said march was staged for April 25 – 26. The demonstration was against Bush's government policies on women's reproductive health. A colleague from CLADEM Brazil had the opportunity of being present.

During the period there was participation in the following international events:

- CLADEM Brazil's National Coordinator participated in a panel organized by Amnesty International on the Campaign to Stop Violence against Women in New York on March 2nd, within the framework of the Session of the Commission on Women's Status.
- A member of CLADEM Brazil participated in the Joint Special Meeting of the Permanent Council and the Women's Inter-American Commission (CIM) on the promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equality (Resolution AG/RES.1941 (XXXIII-0/03), which was held in the OAS Head Office in Washington, on Wednesday, April 21st, 2004.
- A member of CLADEM Brazil participated in the NGO's Forum on Beijing + 10, held on June 7 – 8 and in the meeting of Feminist Strategy prior to the CEPAL's Ninth Conference, held on June 9th, in Mexico City. CLADEM was part of the panel denominated: "Democracy, governance and institutionalization within the framework of the focus on rights". We also participated in the Ninth Regional Conference on Women held by CEPAL on June 10 – 12.
- A member of CLADEM Brazil participated in the NGO's Forum in Mexico, held on June 7 – 8 in the panel: "Democracy, governance and institutionalization within the framework of the focus on rights" and in the meeting of Feminist Strategy prior to the CEPAL's Ninth Conference, held on June 9th.
- Regarding the Maria da Penha case, CEJIL, the co-petitioner, requested and held a meeting with the Brazilian government (Human Rights Secretariat), at the Itamaraty in Brasilia to once more place the Maria da Penha case in the list of priorities. In December we sent to the Commission a report on the level of compliance of the recommendations. On May 11th there was a hearing at the Justice

Palace to discuss the implantation of the International Commission on Human Rights (ICHR) recommendations. Said reunion was attended by the Executive Secretary of the Human Rights Special Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic, Mario Mamede; by the Secretary of Justice, Ebano Guedes and by the President of the Justice Tribunal, Joao de Deus Barros Bringel, by the General Prosecutor of Justice, Socorro Franca and the State General Prosecutor, Wagner Barreira. According to Mario Mamede, the ICHR could recommend an indemnity for Maria da Penha in case the terms stipulated are not complied with. The persons responsible for this case are Denise Hiraó for CLADEM and Liliana Tojo for CEJIL.

CLADEM Brazil activated the solidarity chain on three occasions:

1. In January to endorse the candidacy of **Silvia Pimentel** in the CEDAW Committee's elections.
2. In April to request the withdrawal of the three solutions that the Brazilian government had proposed to the Human Rights Commission in Geneva in relation to sexual orientation, the right to health and the treatment of HIV/AIDS.
3. In May the chain was reactivated to endorse the candidacy of **Silvia Pimentel** to the CEDAW.

Furthermore, the Regional CLADEM and CLADEM Brazil supported and disseminated the Resolution promoted by ILGA on “human rights and sexual orientation”, which has been presented to the United Nations' Human Rights Commission.

- Within the framework of the activities of the Regional Alliance of the Campaign for an Inter-American Convention on sexual and

reproductive rights, a CLADEM Brazil representative participated in the Spokespersons' Workshop for young women held in Montevideo, Uruguay on June 21 to 23, 2004. Within the framework of the Convention's National Campaign, CLADEM Brazil presented the book "Sexual Rights, Reproductive Rights, Human Rights" on May 28th.

- Within the framework of the CDD and CLADEM project, two members of CLADEM Brazil participated in the Seminar "Gender Violence in the Catholic Church", held on June 26 and 27 in El Pueblito, province of Cordoba, Argentina.
- Dissemination of CLADEM publications nationwide.

Silvia Pimentel's remarks about the millenium goals' advancements regarding the gender promotion in Brazil ([article available in portuguese](#))

A Volkswagen concessionaire's advertisement in Brazil promotes violence against women. Regarding this case Volkswagen's transnational in Germany declares its concern about selling methods used by its concessionaire. [information available in spanish](#)

[Interviews to Justice Operators and Police Officers in relation to Violence against Women in Brazil \(available in Portuguese\)](#)

[National Balance: EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES ADDRESSED TO ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN BRAZIL \(available in Portuguese\)](#)

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[Monitoring Alternative Report on the Situation of Maternal Mortality in Brazil to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, April 2003](#)

[Monitoring alternative report from Brazil to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural's rights, April 2003](#)

[Brazilian Report to the XXXI Assembly of CIM Delegates \(2002\) elaborated with the collaboration of CLADEM Brazil. \(available in Portuguese\).](#)

[Document for CEDAW on the compliance by Brazil of shrunken obligations as State-party of the Convention concerning violence against women. Violence against women: the case of Maria da Penha, June 2003](#)

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[National report of Brazil to the CEDAW, made by a consortium of individuals and NGOs, by the coordination of CLADEM Brasil, June 2002 \(available in portuguese\)](#)

[Report of CLADEM-Brazil to the UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against women, its causes and consequences. Specific Report of Brazil \(Available in Spanish\)](#)

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