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Dear delegates from our member organisations,
dear participants of our study days,
dear friends of ANDANTE,

Good Friday and the Easter days are just around the corner, which this year are facing quite unusual challenges and are celebrated by us in a completely different way. Under normal circumstances the CoCoA would have met this March in Baden-Baden in the Lichtenthal Abbey to make the final preparations for our study days. But the Covid pandemic has changed everything and unfortunately makes it impossible to meet with you again this year. We all are probably facing changes that will continue to challenge us for a long time to come. Many of us are contributing in a variety of ways to alleviate the consequences of this coronavirus crisis.

We share a general concern that times of crisis do not improve the situation of women, but reinforce inequalities!

We are all challenged by this! We wish everyone much resilience and good health.

We invite you to pray and act united in spirit and prayer. The unifying Andante Prayer (www.andante-europa.net) serves this purpose. In addition, you will find valuable ideas and instructions on the websites of our member organisations and a special Easter celebration on the website of Voices of Faith (www.voicesoffaith.org/easter).

We wish you from our hearts a blessed Easter, which strengthens in us the hope that new life and a new world can come into being.

On behalf of the CoCoA
The Chairwomen Vroni Peterhans and Sabine Slawik