

ture. Stevens et al. argue that for the WTO food security is perhaps best defined as having access to an “adequate supply of *imported* food” [my emphasis] (3).

³The following discussion is based on my own observations while attending the events described below and information compiled in various *Vía Campesina* documents.

⁴See CLOC and CLOC-*Vía Campesina* for the full proceedings of both events.

⁵According to final declarations of the CLOC events in Mexico, 180 women participated in the Second Latin American Assembly of Rural Women. Subsequently, a total of 320 delegates participated in the Third Congress of the CLOC.

⁶Figure 1 does not include the First Conference of the *Vía Campesina* held in Mons because there was no regional structure at that time. Women represented 20 per cent of the participants at the Mons Conference.

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The Tent

I have no need
of an elaborate design.
I have only to walk away
from the tent’s somber canopy,
blood-prick of needles, thorns,
from spring or well,
its name, a tale of
joy or woe.

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