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### CALL FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF TERRITORIES AND PEOPLES FROM FOSSIL ENERGY

The planet is experiencing a severe ecological crisis and communities living in harmony with and caring for nature are being pressured to unbearable extremes. The atmosphere is being polluted, rivers damaged, forests destroyed, and so is the livelihood of communities in the South, health of individuals, communities and nature.

It is clear that the greatest efforts against climate crisis are those made in different model other than the polluting model that has driven the world into the present crisis. These efforts are being made within communities, organizations and amongst groups of women and men around the world who are committed to life and nature. This knowledge and these efforts, locally, regionally or globally, gain more importance when they are collectively articulated.

OILWATCH proposes an agenda that goes beyond international negotiations on climate, to one that serves to strengthen the base from which we can move forward towards the constitution of societies and territories free of crude oil and other fossil fuels. Our proposed agenda demands that the world begins to:

- Work for the transformation of the technological model to one that frees us from dependence on hydrocarbons and minerals
- Support the efforts of Peoples to emancipate themselves from crude oil as an energy source; build energy sovereignty, recognizing the efforts of communities and how their resistance is keeping the oil underground
- Strengthening food production, not for trade but for fighting hunger, in order to build and strengthen food sovereignty
- Counter the cult of the car and savage urbanization with the ecologically sound models
- Break with the paradigm of unlimited growth based on the market and the commodification of nature
- Restore clean and free water to the territories and peoples, through the protection and restoration of ecosystems affected by extractive activities and implementing sustainable technologies.
- Move towards a legal system that protects the rights of Peoples who are resisting and that are repressed and criminalized; advance towards a doctrine that upholds the rights of nature; define a strategy for recognition and reparations for the historical, social and ecological debt;
- Identification of a global goal of sustainable countries that is respectful of nature and of human and collective rights, economic and social rights, environmental rights and the right to continue to exist on the planet (Annex 0 nations)

## OUR IMMEDIATE AGENDA

- Build common agendas from the various networks and organizations in order to confront and change the current model of civilization.
- Work towards oil-free territories without destructive activities and create an Alliance of Liberated Peoples and Territories.
- Recover lost local knowledge on water, climate and energy and share this local knowledge between Peoples.
- Reinforce resistance to projects that are predatory on nature and create collective dynamics in order to protect defenders of nature.
- Denounce the false solutions to climate change; condemn unjust mechanisms such as the carbon market and further debts for adaptation, as well as technologies aimed at manipulating nature.
- We urge delegates and peoples to take adopt this agenda and make our meetings in Copenhagen meaningful. Emancipation from carbon tyranny NOW!

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