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AT THE OCCASION OF:



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MOBILISATION

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The Amazon is burning and it is a reminder of the climate emergency: we can no longer ignore the consequences of intensive deforestation caused by agribusiness, the large-scale exploitation of resources that leads to pollution, environmental destruction, violent evictions, assassinations and criminalization of environmental activists, as well as indigenous and peasant communities. **Switzerland is complicit in this destruction**, by concluding the EFTA (Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) - MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) free trade agreement. This agreement would increase meat and soybean exports and promote extractivism in South America, while also causing a very serious blow to Swiss peasant agriculture. Therefore, **signing this economic agreement means promoting the destruction of the Amazon forest.**

With this in mind, on October 12, we manifest ourselves for the Amazon, for Indigenous Peoples and for Climate Justice, denouncing transnational corporations and the free trade agreements.

October 12 is a date of resistance and decolonization for indigenous peoples in Abya Yala (the name given by the

Indigenous Peoples to America): it marks the beginning of a criminal colonial process that continues with neoliberal globalization. On this day, we join indigenous peoples around the world in safeguarding the environment, along with their social, cultural, spiritual and physical lives. Indeed, neoliberal globalization has paved the way for the savage exploitation of the world by the major economic powers. Megaprojects, agri-food and militarization, among other processes, express a patriarchal, neoliberal and racist system that amounts to an attack on life as such. As a result, the rights of peoples have been systematically violated, the Earth and its resources destroyed, looted and contaminated, while transnational corporations continue to commit economic and ecological crimes with impunity. We are also plunged into an environmental and climate crisis of unknown proportions, for which the system does not acknowledge responsibility. Systematic human rights violations affecting millions of people, forcibly expelled by the extractive industries, free trade or war trade, and forced to follow long migration routes, constitute new markets and benefits for multinational companies. The signing of new international trade and investment treaties gives more rights to "investors" than to affected individuals and communities. Worse still, thanks to arbitration tribunals, called ISDS, **the interests of corporations are protected to the detriment of public interest.**

Let us mobilise with all peoples to counter corporate crimes and corporate impunity, rejecting the capitalist economic model.

At the national level:

- We denounce the role of Switzerland, and Geneva in particular, as the headquarters of these multinationals.
- We demand that the Swiss authorities reconsider their commitment to conclude the EFTA-MERCOSUR free trade agreement.

At the international level: we support the Global Campaign to Reclaim Peoples Sovereignty, Dismantle Corporate Power and stop Impunity, which struggles for the establishment of a U.N binding treaty to regulate Transnational Corporations (TNCs), stop human rights violations, and end impunity, ensuring access to justice for affected communities. Since 2014, delegates of the Global Campaign, which brings together more than 250 social movements, civil society organizations, trade unions and communities affected by the activities of transnational corporations, have been organizing in Geneva the Week of Peoples Mobilisation, as part of the sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group to draft the Binding Treaty at the United Nations.

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