

MOVEMENT DOCUMENT

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SOCIAL MOVEMENTS CALL AT WSF 2003

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We are meeting in Porto Alegre in the shadow of a global crisis. The belligerent intentions of the US government, in its determination to launch a war on Iraq, pose a grave threat to us all and are a dramatic manifestation of the links between militarism and economic domination.

At the same time, neoliberal globalisation itself is in crisis : the threat of a global recession is ever present; corporate corruption scandals are daily news and expose the reality of capitalism.

Social and economic inequalities are growing, threatening the social structures of our societies and cultures, our rights and our lives.

Biodiversity, air, water, forest, soil and sea are used like commodities and are for sale. All this threatens our common future.

We oppose this !

For Our Common Future

We are social movements that are fighting all around the world against neoliberal globalisation, war, racism, casteism, religious fanaticism, poverty, patriarchy and all forms of economical, ethnic, social, political, cultural, sexual and gender discrimination and exclusions. We are all fighting for social justice, citizenship, participatory democracy, universal rights and for the right of peoples to decide their own future.

We stand for peace and international

co-operation, for a sustainable society answering the needs of people for food, housing, health, education, information, water, energy, public transportation and human rights.

We are in solidarity with the women engaged against social and patriarchal violence. We support the struggle of the peasants, workers, popular urban movements and all those who are urgently threatened by being deprived of homes, jobs, land and their rights.

We have demonstrated in millions to say that another world is possible.

This has never been more true and more urgent.

No War !

The social movements are against militarisation, increase of military bases and state repression that create countless refugees and the criminalisation of social movements and poor people.

We are against the war on Iraq, the attacks on the Palestinian, Chechnya and Kurdish people, the wars on Afghanistan, Colombia, in Africa and the growing threat of war on Korea. We oppose the economic and political aggression against Venezuela and the political and economic embargo by the US government against Cuba and elsewhere. We are against all kinds of military and economic actions designed to impose the neoliberal model and undermine the sovereignty

and peace of peoples around the world.

War has become a structural and permanent part of global domination using military force to control people and strategic resources such as oil. The United States government and its allies are imposing war as a more and more common solution for resolving conflicts. We also denounce the deliberate attempts made by imperialists to increase religious, ethnic, racist, tribal and other tensions and strife all over the world in order to pursue their selfish interests.

Majority of public opinion around the world is opposed to the coming war on Iraq. We call on all social movements and progressive forces to support, participate in and organise worldwide protests on February 15, 2003. These protests are already planned and co-ordinated by all those who oppose the war in over 30 major cities around the world.

Derail WTO

The World Trade Organisation (WTO), the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and a proliferation of regional and bilateral trade agreements, such as the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the proposed Central America free trade agreements, are used by multinational corporations to promote their interests, to dominate and control our economies and to impose a development model which impoverishes our societies. In the name of trade liberalisation, every aspect of life and nature is for sale and people are denied their basic rights. Agro-multinationals are trying to impose GMOs worldwide; people suffering from HIV / AIDS and other pandemics in Africa and elsewhere are denied access to cheap generic drugs. In addition, countries of the South are trapped in a never-ending cycle of debt that forces them to open up their markets and export their wealth.

In the coming year, our campaigns, against the WTO, the FTAA and trade liberalisation will grow in size and scope. We will campaign to stop and reverse liberalisation of agriculture, water, energy, public services and investment, and to reassert peoples sovereignty over their

societies, their resources, their cultures and knowledge and their economies.

We are in solidarity with the Mexican agriculturists who say "*el campo no aguanta mas*" (the fields are fed up) and in the spirit of their struggles we will mobilise locally, nationally and internationally to derail the WTO and the FTAA. We support the worldwide movement to fight for food sovereignty and against neoliberal models of agriculture, food production and distribution. In particular, we will organise mass protests around the world during the fifth ministerial meeting of the WTO in Cancun, Mexico, in September 2003 and during the ministerial meeting of the FTAA in Miami, USA, in October.

Cancel the Debt

The full and unconditional cancellation of Third World Debt constitutes a prerequisite condition in order to fulfil even the most basic human rights. We shall support any indebted country that would stop its external debt payment and would break its agreements with the IMF, especially the Structural Adjustment Programmes. Centuries of exploitation of Third World people, their resources and environment have given them the right to reparations. We ask, "who owes whom" ? These issues will be raised in the major campaigns being held in 2003, G8 (Evian / June), WTO (Cancun / September) and the IMF and World Bank annual meeting (Washington / September).

Opposing the G8

We call on all the social movements and progressive forces to be part of the mobilisation to denounce the illegitimacy and to also reject the policies of the G8 that will be meeting in Evian, France, from June 1–3, 2003. This mobilisation will also be organised all around the world with an international gathering at Evian that will include an alternative summit, alternative camp and a huge international demonstration.

Women : Promoting Equality

We are part of the actions promoted by women's movements on March 8, which is the International

Women's Day, to fight against all forms of violence and patriarchy and for social and political equality.

In Solidarity

We call for solidarity from all progressive social forces, movements and organisations across the world for those peoples such as the Palestinian, Venezuelan, Bolivian, and Cuban (who fight against the US embargo) and others who are facing extreme crisis and are fighting against imperialist hegemony at this very moment in time.

Enhance Our International Network

Last year during the WSF in Porto Alegre, we had adopted a declaration that defines our aims, our struggles and the ways we build our alliances. The spirit of this text is still living and will inspire our coming mobilisations.

Since then, the world has been changing very quickly and we feel the need to take a new step in our decision-making processes, in our co-ordination and alliances; the need to promote a broad, radical, democratic, plural, internationalist, feminist, non-discriminatory and anti-imperialist agenda.

We now want to build a framework articulating our analyses and commitments to our mobilisations. This requires the active participation of all the movements, keeping in mind that the Social Forums are independent from governments and political parties (as given in the WSF Charter of Principles) and keeping a respect for their autonomy. Further, this would be in accordance with the different forms of political expression and organisation of the social movements and with regard to the diversity of ideologies and cultures. We feel the need to constitute a network of movements that is responsive, flexible and sustainable; yet is also broad and transparent. Its responsibilities should be to enrich and feed the process, to promote its diversity and to assume the necessary degree of coordination. The aims of the network will be to enhance the engagement of movements around the world in a deeper political debate, to facilitate common action and to strengthen the initiative of concrete actors fighting for social interests. Its work should be both horizontal and effective.

To this end we propose to build a contact group as a resource and tool for our international mobilisations, including preparing meetings, promoting debate and democracy by promoting a website and mailing lists. This contact group would be established for a period of six to twelve months and it will be drawn on the past experience of the supporters of the network of social and popular movements that are based in Brazil.

This arrangement is transitional mainly to ensure continuity. The main task of this provisory group is to facilitate debate so that the social movements around the world define concrete procedures to work together. It is an ongoing process. A first review of the new contact group will take place at meetings of the network of social movements during the mass mobilisation against the WTO in Cancun in Sept. 2003. A second review, again in assemblies of the network of social movements, will follow during the WSF meeting that is expected to be held in India in 2004.

Among other things, the reviews will consider the effectiveness of the co-ordination and seek new ways to enhance it. It will also consider how to proceed from one year to the next, and how to include national, regional movements and thematic campaigns. In the meantime, we need a large debate among organisations, campaigns and networks to articulate the proposals for a more permanent and representative structure.

In the months to come we will have many occasions to experiment, improve and build this process through our campaigns and mobilisations.

Organisations and Social Movements that signed the Social Movements Call, Porto Alegre 2003 until May 2, 2003.

- Agencia Latinoamericana de Informacion (ALAI) [Latin American Information Agency], Ecuador
- Amigos de la Tierra [Friends of the Earth], El Salvador
- Arab NGO Network for Development, Lebanon
- Asia-Pacific Coalition for East Timor (APCET), Philippines
- Askapena, País Basco [Basque Country]
- Asociación de Amistad con Cuba 'Bartolomé

- De Las Casas' de Sevilla [‘Bartolomé De Las Casas’ Association of Friendship with Cuba, Seville], Spain
- Asociación Mujeres Divergentes de Barcelona [All Women’s Association of Women of Barcelona], Spain
 - Asociación Nacional de Usuarios del Sistema Financiero y de los Servicios Públicos, [National Association of Users of the Financial System and Public Services], Colombia
 - Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos [Association for Human Rights], Andalucía
 - Association Climat Social [Association for a Social Climate], Niger
 - Association Marocaine d’Appui aux bibliothèque Scolaire (AMABS) [Moroccan Association of Support to the Library School], Morocco
 - Associazione Culturale Punto Rosso — Forum Mondiale delle Alternative [Cultural Association Punto Rosso (Red Dot) – World Forum for Alternatives], Italy
 - ATTAC — European Institutions, Europe
 - ATTAC 68, France
 - ATTAC France
 - ATTAC Japan
 - ATTAC Ecuador
 - ATTAC Switzerland
 - Berne Declaration, Switzerland
 - CADTM, France
 - CADTM, Réseau International
 - Capítulo Cubano de la ASC y la Red Encuentros Hemisféricos Contra el ALCA [Cuban Chapter of the ASC and the Network of Hemispherical Conferences Against the North American Free Trade Association], Cuba
 - Centro de Desarrollo Integral para la Familia y la Mujer (CEDEIFAM) [Centre for the Integral Development of the Family and the Woman], Argentina
 - Central Única dos Trabalhadores — CUT [Workers’ Central Union], Brazil
 - Centro de Estudios Ciudad [Centre for Urban Studies], Ecuador.
 - Centro de Estudios Rurales y de Agricultura Internacional (CERAI) [Centre for Rural Studies and of International Agriculture], Spain
 - Centro Félix Varela [Félix Varela Centre], Germany
 - Centro Memorial Dr Martin Luther King Jr [Dr Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Centre], Cuba
 - CEOSL, Ecuador
 - CESTA, El Salvador
 - Citizens for a Better Environment (CBE), Zambia
 - CIVIMED Initiatives, France
 - Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE), Americas Programme
 - Colectivo de Ecoportal.net y Revista Ambiente y Sociedad [Ecoportal.net Collective and Journal of Environment and Society], Argentina
 - Comissió d’Agermanament Salt-Quilalí [Commission of Salt-Quilalí], Spain
 - Comité de Trabajadores Contra la Globalización [Committee of Workers Against Globalisation], Barcelona, Spain
 - Comunidad para el Desarrollo Humano [Community for Human Development], Argentina
 - Confederación de Nacionalidades Indígenas del Ecuador (CONAIE) [Confederation of Indigenous Nations of Ecuador]
 - Confederación Ecuatoriana de Organizaciones Sindicales Libres [Equatorial Confederation of Free Workers’ Unions]
 - Confederación Nacional Afiliados Seguro Social Campesino
 - CONFEUNASSC [National Confederation of Affiliated Socially Insured Peasants], Ecuador
 - Conseil Communal — Province de Hainaut, Commune D’Anderlues [Community Council, Anderlues Commune, Hainaut Province], Belgium
 - Consejo de Salud del Area Norte [Health Council of the Northern Area], Chile
 - Consejo Nacional Campesino de Colombia [National Peasants’ Council of Colombia]
 - Convergencia de los Movimientos de los Pueblos de las Américas (COMPA) [Convergence of Peoples’ Movements of the Americas], Cuba
 - Coordinadora Popular de Caracas [Popular Coordinator of Caracas], Venezuela
 - Coordinadora de Trabajo Carcelario de Rosário [Coordinator of Prison Work of Rosário], Argentina
 - Coordinadora Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educacion, en el estado de Zacatecas [National Coordinator of Education Workers in the State of Zacatecas], Mexico
 - Cordillera People’s Alliance, Philippines
 - Corporación Siempre Viva [Siempre Viva Corporation], Colombia
 - CUP-FCOC, Dominican Republic

- CUSO Asia and the Pacific
- CUSO, Canada
- Cybersolidaires [Cybersolidarity], Montréal (Québec), Canada
- Chiara Piscopo, Italy
- Dalit Land Rights Federation of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, India
- Diálogo Sur-Sur GLBT [South-South Dialogue GLBT], Ecuador
- EcoEquity, USA
- El-amel Association for Social Development, Algeria
- Emmaüs International, France
- Equipo Pueblo, Mexico
- EQUIVITA, Scientific Committee, Italy
- ESPERANTO/SAT-Amikaro, France
- FEDAEPS, Ecuador
- Focus on the Global South, Thailand
- Food First, USA
- Foro Social de Chamberí [Chamberí Social Forum], Spain
- Foro Social Madrid, Spain
- Foro Social Mundial Ecuador [World Social Forum Ecuador]
- Forum for Child Rights (FCR), India
- Free Burma Coalition, Philippines
- Free Trade Union Development Centre, Sri Lanka
- Friends of the MST, Sweden
- Fundació per la Pau, Barcelona, Spain
- Fundacion Dialogo y Convivencia [Foundation for Dialogue and Co-existence], Colombia
- Fundación Pueblo Indio del Ecuador [Indigenous Peoples' Foundation of Ecuador]
- Fundación Sólon [Sólon Foundation], Bolívia
- Ghetto Collective of Moscow, Russia
- Global Women's Project, Center of Concern, USA
- Globalisation Monitor, Hong Kong, China
- Grassroots International, USA
- Grito de los Excluidos [Voice of the Excluded], Colombia
- Grito de los/as Excluidos/as [Voice of Excluded Men and Women], Ecuador
- Groupe Soleil d'Afrique [Sun Group of Africa], Niamey, Nigeria
- Grupo de Tecnología Alternativa SC [Group for Alternative Technology], Mexico
- Grupo de Sida por la Vida de San Carlos de Bariloche [AIDS Group for the Life of San Carlos de Bariloche], Argentina
- Hemen eta Munduan, País Basco [Here and in the World, Basque Country]
- Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID), Philippines
- Institut de recherches de la FSU (IRHESC) [Institute for Research into FSU], France
- Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands
- International Development Economics Associates (IDEAS), India
- International Group for Grassroots Initiatives, India
- International Rivers Network, USA
- Intersindical Alternativa de Catalunya [Alternative Inter-union of Catalunya], Spain
- Ithaca College, New York, USA
- Jubilee Kansai Network, Japan
- Juristas sin Fronteras [Jurists without Frontiers], Spain
- Kairos Europe, Belgium
- Kairos, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, Canada
- KoPA (Korean People's Action against BIT& WTO), Korea
- Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), South Korea
- Le Passant Ordinaire [The Ordinary Pass], France
- Mouvement International pour les Réparations (MIR) [International Movement for Reparations]
- Mouvement contre le Racisme et pour l'Amitié entre les Peuples (MRAP) [Movement Against Racism and For Friendship between Peoples], France
- Marcha Mundial das Mulheres [World March of Women], Brasil
- Marcha Mundial Mujeres [World March of Women], Argentina
- Mindanao Peoples Caucus (MPC), Philippines
- Missoula Institute for Sustainable Transportation, USA
- Mouvement Levons-nous [Movement for Self-realisation], Québec, Canada
- Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra (MST) [Movement of Rural Landless Workers], Brasil
- Mujeres Trabajando [Working Women], Argentina

- NADI, Indonesia
 - National Institution for Social Care & Vocational Training Network Institute for Global Democratisation, Finland
 - Network Women in Development Europe, Belgium
 - North American Women for Diversity, USA
 - Norwegian People's Aid, Norway
 - Nuclear Free & Independent Pacific Movement, Philippines
 - ÖBV - Sindicato de Campesinos y Campesinas de La Montana [Union of Peasant Men and Women of La Montana], Austria
 - Oltre l'Occidente [Beyond the West], Italy
 - One Ummah Forum, Peshawar, Pakistan
 - ONG Kuña Roga , Paraguay
 - Pacific Asia Resource Center, Japan
 - Pacific Concerns Resource Center, Philippines
 - Palestinian NGOs in Lebanon
 - Peace Education, Environment and Development (PEED) Foundation, Pakistan
 - People's Rights Movement, Pakistan
 - Periodismo Sin Máscara [Journalism Without A Mask], Argentina
 - Programmes on Seeds of Hope and Tribal Self-Rule, India
 - Public Services International
 - Red Attac Madre Tierra [ATTAC Network of Mother Earth], Colombia
 - Red de Economía Solidaria 'El Tenate' [Solidarity Economy Network 'El Tenate'], Mexico
 - Red Libertaria Práxis [Network for a Libertarian Practice], Mexico
 - Red Mujeres Transformando la Economía (REMTE) [Women's Network for Transforming the Economy], Ecuador
 - RED@ctuar, Mexico
 - Regional Peoples Working Group on BIMP-EAGA (RPWG-BIMP/EAGA), (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines — East Asian Growth Area)
 - Réseau Droit Paysan [Network for Peasants' Rights], France
 - Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN), Nepal
 - 137.Satyodaya Centre for Social Research & Encounter, Sri Lanka
 - Servicios Públicos, regional Antioquia [Public Services, Antioquia local], Colombia
 - Servizio Civile Internazionale (SCI) [Civil Service International], Italy
 - SinCobas, Italy
 - Sindicato de Empleados del Instituto de Medicina Legal [Employees' Union of the Recognised Institute of Medicine], Colombia
 - Solidaritas Perempuan, Indonesia
 - Solidarity and Development NGO, Lebanon
 - Southern African Regional Network on Equity in Health (EQUINET), Harare, Zimbabwe
 - Tamilnadu Women's Collective, India
 - Texas Fair Trade Coalition, USA
 - The Committee for Justice in Palestine, USA
 - The Committees For The Defence of Human Rights — CDF, Syria
 - The Northeastern Women's Network, Thailand
 - Transnational Institute, Netherlands
 - União dos Trabalhadores da Guiana Francesa [French Guinea Workers' Union]
 - Union des Familles Laïques de l'Orne 61 [Union of Public Families of Orne 61], France
 - Union for Radical Political Economics, USA
 - Urban Technology Consulting, Spain
 - Via Campesina
 - Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, USA
 - Worcester Global Action Network (WOGAN), Canada
 - World March of Women / Marche Mondiale des Femmes / Marcha Mundial de las Mujeres, Quebec
 - Zone Ouverte de Mobilisation pour Briser les Injustices et Exclusions [Open Zone for Mobilisation to Break Injustices and Exclusions], France
- Political and intellectual organisations that supported the Social Movements Call, Porto Alegre, 2003 :**
- Partido Comunista de La Rioja [Communist Party of La Rioja], Argentina
 - Partido Comunista de Aragon [Communist Party of Aragon], Spain
 - Mandato do Vereador Hugo Manso (PT-RN) [Mandate of Councilman Hugo Manso], Brazil
 - Conseil Communal de Anderlues, Province de Hainaut [Community Council of Anderlues, Hainaut Province], France