

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **RESPONSE TO COP PRESIDENCY -NGOs, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**

We welcome the request of the COP Presidencies (Poland, Peru and France) to meet with a broad front of civil society organizations, social movements, youth groups, indigenous peoples, women and gender organizations and more. **It is a pity that this meeting will not happen because the Polish presidency has refused to meet us outside of the COP venue.** We have asked the three Presidencies to make every attempt to meet with us.

We propose that when we do meet, this becomes the start of a regular dialogue that can help build more effective public engagement in the UNFCCC. **We believe such a dialogue with the COP presidencies to be vital, and we remain absolutely committed to the process of international co-operation to protect the worlds' citizens from the devastating impacts of climate change.**

This meeting is critical as we have the following issues to address:

1. Concrete steps to address pre 2020 ambition and an equitable agreement for 2015
2. An end to all dirty corporate sponsorship of UNFCCC climate talks
3. A guarantee of the right to freedom of expression, protest and participation by civil society organisations in the climate talks

The road to Paris must ensure the active and effective participation of social movements and civil society, with **a year of ambition on finance and mitigation as the first concrete steps towards a just transition of our economies, including energy transformation, protection of human rights, and support for impacted people.----**

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