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A). Slogan

Free Trade Fuels Hunger! WTO out of Agriculture!

B). Hashtags:

Main: #FreeTradeFuelsHunger

Supporting: #EndWTO #WTOKillsPeasants

Complimentary: #PeasantsRightsNOW #FoodSovereigntyNOW #NoFutureWithoutFoodSovereignty #LVC30Years

C. Arguments:

WTO AND FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS – THE PROBLEM

1. **Global free trade agreements have only brought poverty and losses for farmers.** Hunger, food riots, forced migration and climate crisis are its direct consequences.
2. **WTO and Free Trade Agreements unabashedly promote industrial agriculture,** lead to Corporate concentration and inequality.
3. **Speculation on food prices fuels hunger** and artificially inflates food and fuel prices.
4. **Industrial agriculture seeks profit maximization and does not tackle hunger.**
5. **Industrial agriculture is heating up our planet.** Destroys soil health and causes tremendous loss to biodiversity
6. **Free Trade Agreements criminalize Peasant Seeds System** and promote Intellectual Property Rights and Patents that benefit agribusinesses
7. The Investor State Dispute Settlement Mechanism, a regular feature of Free Trade Agreements, threatens national sovereignty and democratic processes.

8. **Industrial Agriculture exploits cheap migrant labour** and particularly affects women and girls the most in rural areas
9. Industrial Agriculture promotes unhealthy diet and creates health and nutrition issues

LVC's PROPOSALS AND DEMANDS

International level

1. We need an international framework for trade and agricultural policies based on Food Sovereignty

- o This new framework should pave the way for strengthening local and national peasant agriculture. We need to guarantee a stable basis for re-localized food production and ensure a fair international trade system based on cooperation and solidarity rather than competition and speculation.
- o Must be in line with the UNDROP and other international human rights instruments.
- o It has to conduct transparent negotiations on commodity agreements between exporting and importing countries. Countries dependent on food imports must have accessible prices.

2. The WTO must be dismantled

- o We demand an emergency meeting of the Committee on Food Security.
- o We need to suspend all the existing WTO rules that prevent countries to develop public food stockpiling and from regulating market and prices.
- o Immediately suspend and prohibit all speculative operations and investments in food and agricultural products.

- o We must put an end to the capture of global food governance by transnational corporations and centralize our efforts on the care of life.
- 3. **Food Sovereignty for countries.** Countries should have the right to use self-selected internal criteria to protect and promote their Food Sovereignty. Each country should be able to develop its own agricultural and food policy and protect the interests of its farmers, without harming other countries.
- 4. **Fair prices for producers and consumers based on fair trade.** The price of food traded internationally should be linked with the costs of production and follow the principles of fair trade.
- 5. **Forbidding of the use of agricultural products to produce agro-fuel or energy.** Food should be an absolute priority over fuel.

Local, national and regional level

- 6. **Reconstitute public food reserves.** Support its creation at community-local level with local produce, coming from agroecological farming practices.
- 7. **Strengthening the national legal framework**
 - o Bring strong anti-dumping legislation that is necessary to be able to stop exporters to destroy local markets.
 - o Implement UNDROP as a legally binding instrument that guarantees laws, strategies and programs in favour of Food Sovereignty and Peasant Rights.

- o Promotion of popular and integral Agrarian Reform, to stop the grabbing by TNCs of water, seeds and land, and ensure small-scale producers fair rights over productive resources.
 - o Effective regulation of the intensive agriculture input market (credits, fertilizers, pesticides and seeds) and a planned ban on pesticides and GMOs.
8. **Give priority to our local markets and regional integration**, rather than let our prices be dictated by remote and unpredictable international markets and corporate actors.
 9. **Public assistance to build strong local and national economies based on Agroecology and Food Sovereignty.** Priority should be given to family farmers, women and vulnerable groups in rural areas.
 10. **A local and national food governance system based on the people, not on agribusinesses.** Small scale producers organisation, indigenous peoples, women's organisations, should be recognized a key role in all bodies dealing with food governance