

Solidarity with the peoples in struggle of Latin America and the Caribbean

Gathered from December 1 to 8, 2023 in Bogota, Colombia, La Via Campesina in its 8th International Conference stands in solidarity with all the peoples in struggle in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We stand in solidarity with the people who have been affected by the climate crisis and the effects of this year's El Niño in Central America, the Caribbean and South America; with the families who have lost homes, infrastructure, production, and human life in the tropical storms of recent months. In most countries, these peasant families are abandoned by their governments, when the State should be responsible for having programs and public policies to address the climate crisis and natural disasters.

In Central America, we emphasize the struggles of the people of Guatemala and Panama. We stand in solidarity with the people of Guatemala, who have been in the streets for more than 70 days in resistance in a struggle led by the indigenous authorities, to respect the decision of the people taken through the ballot box in the presidential elections of August 20. In this context, we call for the cessation of persecution against indigenous peoples who defend their lands and territories. In addition, we support the struggle against mining in Panama and their right to social mobilization.

In the Caribbean, we reaffirm our solidarity with the Haitian people against the interference of the international community and all forms of oppression in complicity with the Haitian government that wants to impose at all costs a military intervention on the people against their will. We demand total peace in Haiti. Likewise, we reiterate our solidarity and support for the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination, decolonization and independence. We recognize that Borikén - Puerto Rico constitutes a Latin American Caribbean nation that has its own unmistakable national identity. Viva Puerto Rico Libre!

In South America, we urge the Ecuadorian State to demand that its Constitutional Court issue a prompt and definitive sentence in favor of the 1200 former abacalero workers of the Japanese company Furukawa, repairing in full the damages caused by the conditions of modern slavery to which they were subjected for more than three decades. We denounce the advance of neoliberalism in the Chilean countryside, expressed in a production model focused on agro-exports and water, mining and forestry extractivism; as well as the violence, persecution and racist trials of leaders, traditional authorities and historical militarization against the Mapuche nation. We condemn all forms of violence from the Chilean State.

We call on the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean to be alert to the rise of neo-fascism in the continent and to continue fighting for peace and unity in the world and the construction of Food Sovereignty in a New World Order.

In the face of global crises, we build Food Sovereignty to guarantee a future for humanity!

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