



Dear Delegates, dear Decision-Makers about our future,

We, the Greenpeace Youth, are writing this letter to you on the occasion of the forthcoming climate policy decision, the most important of our times. The resolutions that are negotiated here in Bonn today and in Copenhagen in December will determine the climate of our future and with it the fate of numerous people all over the world.

If global climate change is not to end in disaster, concrete and far-reaching measures are necessary now.

Our foremost goal must be a substantial and rapid decrease in man-made greenhouse gas emissions, especially in the wealthy countries of the world.

For this purpose, top priority must be given to changing the way in which energy is produced and to protecting ancient forests.

Today's energy production using fossil fuels and nuclear power is not sustainable; that is why we are calling for the greatest possible development of renewable energy sources.

The last existing ancient forests play a key role both for the planet's climate, as large carbon sink, and for global biodiversity, as unique habitats. Logging and burning ancient forests must not be tolerated under any circumstances. This also means: no deforestation for cattle farming or agrofuels!

We are calling upon political decision-makers not to put the short-sighted quest for profit of large business corporations before the interests of future generations.

This can only be achieved if all countries stand united, with industrialised countries accepting responsibility of their historic role in bringing about climate change, and enabling developing and newly industrialised countries to develop sustainably. To do this, industrialised countries must at last supply the necessary technical know-how and financial support.

Saving the climate requires a legally binding and rigorous agreement on climate change in Copenhagen, containing the following elements:

- a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% by the year 2020 in developed countries, as compared with 1990 levels, and to virtually 0 worldwide by 2050
- a fund (30 billion euros) to stop the destruction of ancient forests by 2020 at the latest
- in order to save our climate and protect human beings from its consequences, developed countries must provide a sum of € 110 billion (US-\$ 140 billion) per year, for adaptation and mitigation measures in developing countries

During the recent crisis we have seen how much money has been made available to banks in order to bail them out; now we want to see what will be done on behalf of our climate.

Our future lies in your hands!

We are counting on you; please do not disappoint us!

Yours sincerely,
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