

Invitation to Day of mass Climate Action in Copenhagen, December 12th 2009

The United Nations Climate Talks in Copenhagen, in December 2009 (COP 15/MOP5) are the world's last chance to secure an emissions reductions agreement that will replace the Kyoto Protocol before it expires. There is a growing consensus among scientists that we have as little as ten years to stop and reverse the global growth in greenhouse gases before 'runaway' climate change becomes uncontrollable. That means **the international talks being held in Copenhagen in 2009 could be our last chance to avert a global catastrophe of unimaginable proportions – perhaps the most important international meeting ever held.**

We feel therefore that there is an overwhelming need to demonstrate a global will for urgent and effective action on climate change at this time. On Saturday 12th December, midway through the UNFCCC Climate Talks 2009, **we invite you and your organisation to join us in bringing to the negotiators in Copenhagen a massive, loud and visible demonstration of the world's will to act**, at this critical and portentous moment in human history. We further invite all those who cannot bring their message direct to the negotiators in Copenhagen, to demonstrate their support for all those who do, by joining in a Global Day of Action on climate, with demonstrations and events all around the world – as big as possible and in as many places as possible – on Saturday 12th December, or as near to that date as feasibly practicable. We feel there is an overwhelming need to create a groundswell of global opinion to push world leaders to act – **and to succeed we must start right away.**

The core of our demands is as follows:

“We demand that world leaders take the urgent and resolute action that is needed to prevent the catastrophic destabilisation of global climate, so that the entire world can move as rapidly as possible to a stronger emissions reductions treaty which is both equitable and effective in minimising dangerous climate change.

We demand that the long-industrialised countries that have emitted most greenhouse gases currently in the atmosphere take responsibility for climate change mitigation by immediately reducing their own emissions as well as investing in a clean energy revolution in the developing world. Developed countries must take their fair share of the responsibility to pay for the adaptive measures that have to be taken, especially by low-emitting countries with limited economic resources.

Climate change will hit the poorest first and hardest. All who have the economic means to act, must therefore urgently and decisively do so.”

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