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Civil Society Statement on Energy Access and Public Financing of Fossil Fuels

We, the undersigned representatives of development, environment, faith-based, human rights, science, community, women's and indigenous rights groups, are calling on international financial institutions to stop using public resources to subsidize the fossil fuel industry. These subsidies fuel overconsumption in wealthy countries, benefit an already highly profitable and well-established industry, and exacerbate many of the most urgent problems facing humanity today, not the least of which is climate change.

Therefore, in the spirit of the G20 and APEC pledges to phase out subsidies for fossil fuels, we call on governments to not support a general capital increase for any part of the World Bank Group unless the Bank Group ends support for all fossil fuel projects (other than assistance with transition such as mine closure) that do not have as their *sole* purpose energy access for the poor. Fossil fuel projects that expand energy access for the poor should only be supported after a full examination of all costs--including damages to public health, welfare and the environment--of the project and any new renewable and efficiency alternatives demonstrates that they are the best alternative for delivering energy services to the poor.

Until such policies are approved, countries should direct funds requested by the Bank and other institutions for general capital increases to other financing mechanisms for supporting sustainable development, poverty reduction and clean energy. The members of the G20 are currently in the process of identifying fossil fuel subsidies to be phased out. At the same time, the World Bank is engaged in consultations over a new energy policy and is requesting additional funding commitments for a general capital increase.

Our organizations, along with innovative policymakers and thought leaders around the world, know that there are numerous time-tested, effective approaches to capturing synergies among the challenges of expanding energy access for the poor, promoting sustainable development, and averting climate catastrophe. The World Bank Group, however, continues to promote interventions such as providing subsidies for fossil fuels that trade these objectives off against each other. Until the World Bank Group can show that it can more effectively align these goals in its work, we believe that it does not merit a general capital increase.

To this end, the undersigned groups support directing additional international public financing through mechanisms that will not subsidize fossil fuels, and will oppose the Bank and other institutions' requested capital increases until they adopt the positions described above.

Sign on list as of May 19, 2010:

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Country</i>
350	International
Alliance for Global Justice	International
Asociación Interamericana para la Defensa del Ambiente (AIDA)	International
CEE Bankwatch Network	International
European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad)	International
Focus on the Global South	International
Friends of the Earth Europe	International
Greenpeace	International
Jubilee South – Asia/Pacific Movement on Debt & Development (JSAPMDD)	International
New Rules for Global Finance Coalition	International
Society for Threatened Peoples	International
Third World Network	International
World Forum of Fisher Peoples	International
World Wildlife Fund	International
Friends of the Earth Argentina	Argentina
GLOBAL 2000/Friends of the Earth Austria	Austria
VOICE	Bangladesh
11.11.11 – Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement	Belgium
Ecologia e Ação (ECOA)	Brazil
Institute for Economic and Social Studies (INESC)	Brazil
Bridges Across Borders	Cambodia
Conservation and Development on Cambodia	Cambodia
Action pour un Développement Equitable, Intégré et Durable (ADEID)	Cameroon
Centre pour l'Environnement at le Developpement	Cameroon
Reseau de Lutte Contre la Faim	Cameroon
Friends of the Earth Cyprus	Cyprus
NOAH/Friends of the Earth Denmark	Denmark
Community and Institutional Development	Egypt
CESTA/Friends of the Earth El Salvador	El Salvador
Amis de la Terre	France
Avocats Verts	France
Climate Action Network	France
Helio International	France
The Greens Movement of Georgia/Friends of the Earth Georgia	Georgia
GegenStrömung - CounterCurrent	Germany
Urgewald	Germany
Bharat jan Vigyan Jatha	India
Corporate Accountability Desk – The Other Media	India
Intercultural Resources	India
Kriti – Development Research, Praxis and Communication	India
South Asian Dialogues on Ecological Democracy	India
Vettiver Collective	India

Anti Debt Coalition Indonesia (KAU)	Indonesia
Institute for Essential Services Reform (IESR)	Indonesia
Sawit Watch	Indonesia
Campagna per la riforma della Banca mondiale (CRBM)	Italy
Sustainable Development Institute/ Friends of the Earth Liberia	Liberia
Consumers Association of Penang	Malaysia
Friends of the Earth Malaysia	Malaysia
Friends of the Earth Mauritius	Mauritius
ECOMUNIDADES, Red Ecologista de la Cuenca de Mexico	Mexico
JA! Justicia Ambiental/ Friends of the Earth Mozambique	Mozambique
Both Ends	Netherlands
JEMED Niger	Niger
Environmental Rights Action	Nigeria
Friends of the Earth Norway	Norway
Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR)	Peru
Alliance against Mining	Philippines
Alyansa Tigil Mina	Philippines
Philippine Network on Climate Change	Philippines
Euronatura	Portugal
Centre for Civil Society Environmental Justice Project	South Africa
Earthlife Africa	South Africa
Groundwork	South Africa
South Durban Community Environmental Alliance	South Africa
Amigos de la Tierra España	Spain
Centre for Environmental Justice/Friends of the Earth Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka
Berne Declaration	Switzerland
Taraqqiot	Tajikistan
EarthRights International Mekong School	Thailand
ERI-MS Alumni Association	Thailand
Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement	Togo
Les Amis de la Terre Togo	Togo
National Association of Professional Environmentalists	Uganda
Christian Aid	UK
Forest Peoples Programme	UK
Friends of the Earth, England, Wales and Northern Ireland	UK
Global Witness	UK
Jubilee Debt Campaign	UK
Platform	UK
Practical Action	UK
The Corner House	UK
World Development Movement	UK
Instituto del Tercer Mundo	Uruguay
Accountability Council	USA
Africa Action	USA
Amazon Watch	USA
Bank Information Center	USA

California Communities Against Toxics	USA
Center for Biological Diversity	USA
Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach	USA
Conservation International	USA
Crude Accountability	USA
Environmental Defense Fund	USA
Friends of the Earth US	USA
Gender Action	USA
Government Accountability Project	USA
Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters - JPIC	USA
Institute for Policy Studies, Sustainable Energy & Economy Network	USA
International Accountability Project	USA
International Rivers	USA
Jubilee USA Network	USA
Maryknoll Center	USA
Missionary Oblates	USA
National Wildlife Federation	USA
Natural Resources Defense Council	USA
Oil Change International	USA
Pacific Environment	USA
Public Citizen	USA
Rainforest Action Network	USA
Sierra Club	USA
The Connect U.S. Fund	USA
Tibet Justice Center	USA
Tibet Third Pole	USA
Union of Concerned Scientists	USA
United Church of Christ Network for Environmental & Economic Responsibility	USA
Women's Environment and Development Organization	USA
Environmental Law Center	Uzbekistan
Rural Development Services Centre	Vietnam
Vietnam Association of Anthropologists	Vietnam