





## **Resolution on Environment and climate change**

1. Nature is endangered not because of development and the answers to the peoples needs, but because of the capitalist exploitation. The irresponsible use of Earth, the indiscriminate use and abuse of Nature, the destruction of Environment are consequences of this mode of production, of the ceaseless demand for profit, the imposition of the market imperatives and the predatory nature of capitalism

2. The worldwide reckless exploitation of natural resources, namely the exploitation of renewable energy, aims to the accumulation of more and more wealth in the hands of less and less people, under the immediate profit logic.

3. The environment is sacrificed at the altar of "growth", for increasing the profits of the few. Environmental problems have expanded as a result of the imperialist aggression and the uneven growth and austerity implemented by governments on environmental protection policies.

4. The intensifications of extreme weather events around the world is the result of climate change, the biggest environmental problem that modern youth have to face. Climate change is defined as an alteration that is directly or indirectly caused by human activities, thus leading to changes in meteorological and environmental conditions over a long period of time. Climate change is resulting major environmental problems that plague humanity, such as rising sea levels, melting glaciers, extreme weather events, ecosystem changes and much more.

5. Climate change as well as wars and migration, poses an existential threat to human civilization. Governments around the world ignore the advice of scientists to serve their imperialist interests (see Donald Trump, Jair Bolsonaro, Emanuel Macron and others). In the competition of states for shifting consequences to others, the peoples will suffer the greatest consequences. Besides that, alleged "eco-friendly" imperialist powers, try to control important natural resources in dependent countries with pseudo-ecological excuses, menacing the sovereignty of the latter.

6. Policies aimed at regulating the problem with market mechanisms, as those included in the Paris Agreement, cannot solve the problem of climate change, as they cannot solve so many other social problems the peoples of the world are facing. The mercantilization of nature, placing in the hands of those responsible for environmental degradation the possibility of paying to continue to pollute, is not the way!

7. Dozens of countries in the whole world lack of access to water, namely in Africa and Middle East. The right to access to water and sanitation is internationally recognized as a human right, yet a United Nations report points out that more than 2 billion people are deprived of these services. Also, the line of water's privatization is spreading, particularly in the so called "developed countries", and must be fought.







8. This year, the fire in Amazon rainforest, as a great example of multiple cases, demonstrated the severe consequences of expansions of transnationals interests in the region, leading not only to natural resources and biodiversity destruction, but also endangering the lives of traditional Amazonian peoples. The truly responsibles for the fire in Amazon are the big landowners, who rely not only in Bolsonaro government, but also in European Union to maintain its productions and profits from labour exploitation, hunger and misery.

9. Bombs and all kinds of war weapons leave their toxic residues on the ground as harmful substances deteriorate its quality. Equally serious is the phenomenon of pollution of water resources, making water in many cases unsuitable for use. At the same time, with the construction of nuclear and atomic weapons of mass destruction, our planet has become a "giant spherical minefield".

10. It is important to protect natural resources and in favour of the people. The welfare of the peoples of the world will only be possible in a clean and healthy environment in which everyone will have the necessary material conditions to a stable life, with healthy food, free of evitable diseases, a world in which all will have access to clean and drinkable water, and all will be able to enjoy clean air and energy for warming or cooling.

11. We welcome the massive demonstrations that raise demands against the environmental exploitation and we reaffirm that the struggle for the protection of the environment in favour of the people, cannot be separated from the struggle against imperialism and its destructive nature which aims to have profits even from the natural environment. We equally warn that these struggles cannot be raised from an individualistic perspective, nor should be placed in the centre the individual responsibility of isolated people, thus obviating the true root of the problem, which is none other but the struggle of monopolies for the collection of the largest profits they can.

12. We must reach out to the entire youth of the world aim to inform and raise their awareness. Denouncing the false solutions that the capitalist system presents as indisputable, we shall mobilize for the consequent struggle for the protection of nature, the environment and the ecological balance, for the right to a healthy environment, for a world of peace and cooperation among peoples, of rights and social progress. Environmental problems cannot be solved holistically unless society assumes environmental management collectively.

13. The struggle for the overthrow of imperialism is a one-way road. For us, the struggle against imperialism is not an obsession. It is a struggle for protecting humanity.