



## POLITICAL DECLARATION OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

In commemoration of International Mother Earth Day, on April 23, 2021, in the High Level Segment held in a semi-virtual format, the participating Heads of State and Government of Antigua and Barbuda, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Republic of Cuba, Granada, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Republic of Nicaragua, the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; product of their different statements:

1. *They highlighted* that the capitalist developed countries of the global North have lost their way, so today is the time of the peoples of the South, who must direct the paths of humanity. In this sense, they recognized the importance of advancing in a new paradigm of civilization that is no longer the paradigm of the West but that of the ancient civilizations and cultures of the peoples of the global South. Highlighting that the governments that sign this declaration are proud heirs of the ancient cultures of life.
2. *They expressed* that today the world is in crisis because the paradigm of the West, capitalism, imperialisms and the development vision have led us to a situation where more than one planet earth is required if we continue with the current pattern of predatory consumerism.
3. *They emphasized* that the West has caused a multiple global crisis in the world that manifests itself in an environmental, climate, water, food, energy, health, institutional, cultural, ethical and spiritual crisis, which is the product of a world where some Human beings have tried to become God by dominating other human beings and the rest of the living beings of Mother Earth.
4. *They highlighted* that indigenous peoples have maintained, controlled, protected and developed their traditional knowledge; that now they have to help us face the crisis in the world, recovering the code of the Pachamama / Mother Earth.
5. *They concur* that for the countries of the global North: i) living in harmony with nature means having nature at the service of human beings; ii) the solution to the environmental crisis lies in ecological capitalism or green capitalism, but this only continues to exploit and at a faster rate the living beings that inhabit Mother Earth for the benefit of the economic interests of a few human beings, and iii) climate change is a transitory crisis that humanity will overcome with more technology, more bioeconomy and synthetic biology, with the production of energy derived from the raw material of nature. In this sense, they expressed that the solutions to the crises for the global North mean new crises for the developing countries, since many still continue under colonial

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- and neo-colonial rule. That is why the countries that are on the way to liberation commit ourselves to continue strengthening the anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist struggle.
6. *They expressed* their commitment to build a world free of Western anthropocentric neocolonialism, a world that goes beyond human beings and is centered on the culture of life. They pointed out that Mother Earth shelters all living beings including human beings, therefore solutions to crises involve respect and protection of all living beings of Mother Earth, which in turn means a change in the model civilizational.
  7. *They emphasized* that we have to advance in a world where the rights of Mother Earth are recognized, respected and defended.
  8. *They affirmed* the importance of continuing with the interactive Dialogues on Harmony with Nature held at the United Nations General Assembly in commemoration of International Mother Earth Day, because they have served to awaken world awareness about the rights of Mother Earth.
  9. *They called* upon that the countries of the South fight for the Economy and Society of Mother Earth for the Living Well of human beings and of all living beings of Mother Earth in peace and harmony.
  10. *They recognized* that the countries of the South fight for the right to Water for Life where water not only meets the needs of human beings but of all living beings and Mother Earth.
  11. *They expressed* that the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that the lack of water and sanitation leads to humanitarian tragedies and that after a decade of recognition of the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation. One in three people still cannot access safe drinking water and more than half of the world's population lacks access to safe sanitation.
  12. *They recognized* that the health crisis of COVID-19, added to the other crises of capitalism, has exposed that the civilizational model is a model of death, and that the peoples of the South do not need theoretical and empty solutions to get out of this crisis that threatens the social and economic advances that have been achieved in recent years.
  13. *They concord* that the efforts made by States and international organizations are not enough to guarantee equitable access to vaccines, medicines and diagnostics, and that the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of keeping the global South strong, united, timely. No country should be excluded from universal, fair, equitable and timely access to medicines, vaccines and medical supplies.
  14. *They called* on companies that have developed diagnostics, drugs and vaccines to make their access more flexible for developing countries with a view to accelerating the

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- production and distribution of vaccines around the world and the access of all and all to them for a massive immunization, in the short term and in a timely manner. We also demand that developed countries finance and provide vaccines, through the COVAX mechanism, to the countries of the global South.
15. In this regard, *they called* for increased cooperation and vaccine production capacities in developing countries, as well as the medical infrastructure and health personnel necessary to effectively carry out mass vaccination in the shortest possible time.
  16. *They highlighted* the effort of our peoples to face this pandemic and the role that traditional medicine, a product of the wisdom of indigenous and native peoples, has played in facing the health crisis, both in the countryside and in the city, mitigating and reducing very importantly the impacts of COVID-19 in our countries.
  17. *They concord* on the need to align international efforts to promote: i) the relief of external debt in favor of developing countries, ii) the temporary suspension of debt as a result of the crisis generated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  18. *They agreed* on the need for the United Nations General Assembly to urgently convene an “Earth Assembly” where the cosmos-biocentric paradigm continues to develop within the framework of multilateralism.
  19. *They expressed* that the countries of the global North, as the main responsible for the destruction of nature, they have gotten used to push us to infertile fields of dialogue on climate change, biological diversity and other environmental issues to legitimize their apparent commitment to humanity and to the environment, so they demanded effective solutions to solve this global problem.
  20. *They concord* that it is essential to strengthen regional and South-South integration processes to expand the channels of political dialogue between governments and peoples, and to continue building solutions to the global crisis based on the solidarity of the peoples of the world.
  21. *They reaffirmed* their commitment to build the world order of Living Well and the culture of life.

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