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December 18th, 2023:
A Call for Solidarity with Latin American Migrants

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We defend migrant lives. We defend our lives.

We are migrants. Our dignity is not negotiable. All human life is precious. We must defend the right to choose where and how we live.

This International Migrants Day, we - social movements, networks, organizations, communities and leaders from Latin America and the United States - **launch a call for solidarity, action and humanity** with migrants and their families.

We call on citizens, communities, and societies of the continent to join us in action to end discrimination and abuses on migrant communities. These attacks represent a threat to the rights and lives of all people across the continent.

The American continent is experiencing one of the most anti-immigrant and anti-rights moments in its recent history. From the US Government's threat to end the right to asylum and restore Trump-era hate policies on the border with Mexico; to the criminalization, detention and deportation policies in Mexico, Guatemala, Chile and Argentina; to Canada's acceptance of becoming a safe third country, almost every country in the region has anti-immigrant policies in place.

These policies, far from addressing the inequalities and causes of migration, criminalize the victims of regional violence often caused by the national governments themselves. Millions of people are forced to leave their home due to: crises of violence, fueled by US weapons, as in Mexico, Haiti and Honduras; or as a consequence of the climate crisis; or as a result of evictions because their lands are exploited and their way of life taken away because of extractivism, which is happening in Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil; or for the human rights crisis that threatens democracy and the lives of those who defend the rights of people, as in Guatemala, Peru, Nicaragua, Venezuela, El Salvador and Honduras. Virtually all nations in the region are impacted by violence and environmental devastation.

We, the undersigned, firmly believe that **this strategy of denying asylum and international protection, criminalization, detention and deportation is a threat to the integrity, life, freedom, and dignity of all people and peoples in the region.**



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People migrate because they are left with no options for life in their communities. The responses of many regional governments have been to close their doors to those in search of dignity and a new start, only leading to more crises and harm. We must support and help each other, defend the right to live with dignity, the right of freedom of mobility and the right to choose where to live and how to contribute to society.

Who could guarantee today that tomorrow we will not have to migrate, and encounter criminalization and jail in response to our need for help?

Who could guarantee today that our children will not have to flee environmental devastation or evictions?

Today, it is up to us to organize among ourselves and raise our voices against governments that persecute and violate the rights of people who request humanitarian assistance.

Today, the migration crisis is also a humanitarian crisis that puts the priorities of our societies and our governments in conflict.

If we allow anti-immigrant and materialistic individualism to win, tomorrow we will be at risk of becoming the next people stripped of rights and criminalized.

But if the flame of empathy and solidarity still flickers, then **now is the time to organize ourselves in the streets, neighborhoods, towns and cities, to open the doors to migrants**, help those who have already opened their doors and demand together an end to the war against migrant people, including children, women, young people and adults.

Yes, there are alternatives. States can and must open their doors to those fleeing violence and environmental devastation. The economic resources exist. There is a need for labor in receiving countries.

Mass deportation will not lead to peace. This will only generate more migration and more deaths.

Contrary to what they are promoting, governments in the region must implement Latin American citizenship and expand access to the right to asylum and international protection. And following that spirit of solidarity, Latin America must demand with one voice that the United States end the legal limbo in which it has placed millions of migrant workers and asylum seekers. And if necessary, the continent must limit trade agreements with the United States until it resolves this crisis.



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The anti-immigrant policies that are expanding throughout the territory are medieval and murderous, while regional economic policies continue to modernize and integrate.

Let us not allow goods to be worth more than people's lives and rights.

Let us defend the lives of migrants to defend our own.

Signed,

The People's Movement for Peace and Justice (PMPJ)

PLATFORM GROUPS OF THE PEOPLES MOVEMENT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

- Black Co-Networks for Peace and Justice (PMPJ)
- Indigenous and Natives Peoples Constituent Platform (PMPJ)
- Monthly binational roundtable on migration and Human Rights
- Binational Network for gun violence prevention and gun violence survivors

CANADA

- Black Lives Matter-YYC

GUATEMALA

- Children's Rights Institutional Observatory (CIPRODENI)

HONDURAS

- Black Fraternal Organization of Honduras

MEXICO

- Academic Group for Transnational Processes BUAP CA 230
- Afrodescendant Women's Network CDMX
- Afrodescendant Youth Network of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Afro-Mexican Youth National Network
- Afro-Mexican Community of Temixco, Morelos
- Afropoderosas
- ALDEA
- Americas Program AMERICAS:ORG
- Attention Center for Indigenous Migrant Families (CAFAMI)
- Benemérita Autonomous Universidad-Puebla
- Casa Tochan
- Casa Nyahbinghi México
- Casa Tecmilco



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- Exodus Center for Migrant Attention
- Mothers and Fathers of the Ayotzinapa 41
- Hospitalidad y Solidaridad, AC
- Huella Negra
- José María Morelos and Pavón Regional Center for the Defense of Human Rights
- Justice for the Forcibly Disappeared A.C. Querétaro
- International Peace Service (SIPAZ)
- LV Advocacy and Arts for the Rights of Women, A.C. (Las Vanders)
- Mano Amiga Collective of Costa Chica
- Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights (CMDPDH)
- México negro AC
- Native Peoples in Resistance (MOPOR CHIAPAS)
- Network of Women from Native and Afrodescendant Communities (REMIAC)
- Mujeres Afrodescendientes CDMX (Afrodescendant Women)
- NuestraRed.mx
- Puebla Region Citizens' Initiative
- RIA Institute
- Tembembe Center for Afro-Mexican Studies
- SERAPAZ

COLOMBIA

- Inter-University Network for Peace
- Kavilando Press and Research group

UNITED STATES

- Black Lives Matter–South Bend
- Change the Ref
- CODEPINK
- Collective of Autonomous Coastal Communities and Organizations
- Council of Native Peoples (NYC)
- Friends of Latin America
- Global Exchange
- Hacer las Paces (Making the Peace)
- International Tribunal of Peoples' Conscious in Movement
- Lila LGBTQ Inc.
- Mexico Solidarity Project
- Migrant and Minorities Alliance
- Migrants and Minorities Alliance
- National Lawyers' Guild- SF Bay Area chapter

- Newtown Alliance
- North American Indigenous Center of the New York
- San Francisco Living Wage Coalition
- Transnational Peoples Network (RPT)
- Witness at the Border

- Asociación Coordinadora Comunitaria de Servicios para la Salud Guatemala ACCSS
- ACT
- Alianza de Exbraceros del Norte 1942-1964
- América sin muros Americasinmuros.org
- APDH
- Asociación Centro de Derechos Laborales sin Fronteras de Costa Rica
- Asociación civil guatemaltecos Unidos por nuestros derechos AGUND
- Asociación de Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos y Víctimas de Violaciones a los Derechos Humanos en México AFADEM-FEDEFAM
- Asociacion Esperanza Contra la Desaparicion Forzada y a Impunidad AC.
- Asociación Pop No'j
- Asociación Rumiñahui
- Asylum Access México (AAMX)
- **Bloque Latinoamericano Sobre Migración:**
- *Action Secours Ambulance (ASA)*
- *Asociación Comité de Familiares de Migrantes Fallecidos y Desaparecidos de El Salvador (COFAMIDE) – El Salvador*
- *Asociación Coordinadora Comunitaria de Servicios para la Salud (ACCSS)*
- *Asociación de Familiares de Migrantes Desaparecidos de Guatemala (AFAMIDEG)*
- *Asociación Hermanas Scalabrinianas/Pastoral de Movilidad Humana*
- *Asociación Pop No'j - Guatemala*
- *Asociación RUMIÑAHUI. Red de Ecuatorianos en Europa*
- *Asylum Access México. (AAMX) - México*
- *Cáritas Brasileira*
- *Casa del Migrante de Saltillo (CDMS)- México*
- *Casa Monarca Ayuda Humanitaria al Migrante- México*
- *Centro de Atención a la Familia Migrante Indígena (CAFAMI)- México*
- *Centro de Atención y Desarrollo Integral Migrante (CADIM)*
- *Centro de Derechos Humanos de la Montaña-Tlachinollan (CDHM)- México*
- *Centro de Direitos Humanos e Cidadania do Imigrante - CDHIC - Brasil*
- *Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS)*
- *Clínica Jurídica de Migrantes y Refugiados de la Universidad Diego Portales-Chile*
- *Coalición de Derechos Humanos, Tucson, Az*
- *Comisión Argentina para los Refugiados y Migrantes (CAREF)*

- Comisión de Acción Social Menonita (CASM)- Honduras
- Comité de Familiares de Migrantes Desaparecidos del Centro de Honduras (COFAMICENH)-Honduras
- Comité de Familiares de Migrantes Desaparecidos del Progreso (COFAMIPRO)- Honduras
- Cristosal, Advancing Human Rights in Central America - El Salvador
- CTA de Trabajadores
- Equipo de Estudios Comunitarios y Acción Psicosocial (ECAP)
- Estancia del Migrante González y Martínez- México
- Federación Zacatecana de Migrantes
- FM4 Paso Libre-México
- Formación y Capacitación (FOCA)-México
- Foro Nacional para las Migraciones en Honduras (FONAMIH)- Honduras
- Fundación de Ayuda Social de las Iglesias Cristianas (FASIC)
- Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho (FJEDD)
- Grupo Articulador de la Sociedad Civil en Materia Migratoria para Guatemala
- Iniciativa Ciudadana para la Promoción de la Cultura del Diálogo (ICPCD)- México
- Iniciativa Kino A.C.
- Instituto Migrações e Direitos Humanos
- Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración (IMUMI)- México
- International Detention Coalition (IDC)- Regional/Global
- Latinas en el Poder
- Living Water Community
- Mesa de Coordinación Transfronteriza Migraciones y Género (MTMG)
- National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR)
- Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras (OCDIH)- Honduras
- Plateforme des Organisations Nationales et Territoriales de la Societe Civile Haïtienne (PONT-SCH) - Haití
- Proyecto de Derechos Humanos, Económicos, Sociales y Culturales A.C (Prodesc)-México
- Red de Documentación de las Organizaciones Defensoras de Migrantes (REDODEM)- México
- Red de las Américas sobre Nacionalidad y Apatriadía (Red ANA)
- Red de Mujeres del Bajío AC-México
- Red Internacional de Migración y Desarrollo (RIMD)
- Red Jesuita con Migrantes Latinoamérica y el Caribe (RJM LAC)-Regional
- Red Mesoamericana Mujer Salud y Migración (RMMSYM)- México y Centroamérica
- Red Nacional de Jornaleros y Jornaleras Agrícolas
- Red Nacional de Líderes Migrantes en Argentina
- Red Pedro Pantoja Zona Norte- México
- Red Sudamericana para las Migraciones Ambientales (RESAMA)- Regional
- Secretariado Nacional de Pastoral Social-Caritas Colombia
- Servicio Ecuménico para la Dignidad Humana (SEDHU)
- Servicio Jesuita a Refugiados Ecuador (SJR-Ecuador)
- South Texas Human Rights Center (El Centro de Derechos Humanos Del Sur de Texas)

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- Caminantas. Red para mujeres migrantes
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- Casa Michoacan DuPage
- Casa Monarca. Ayuda Humanitaria al Migrante, A.B.P.
- CCAMYN Centro Comunitario de Atención al Migrante y Necesitado. Altar, Sonora.
- Centro de Atención a la Familia Migrante Indígena de Tlaxcala
- CIESAS GOLFO
- Comision de Accion Social Menonita (CASM)
- Comité de Familiares de Migrantes del Centro de Honduras (COFAMICENH)
- Comité de Familiares de Migrantes Desaparecidos de Guatemala (COFAMIGUA)
- Comité de Familiares de Personas Migrantes Desaparecidas Amor y Fe (COFAMIDEAF)
- Comité de Familias Migrantes Desaparecidos de El Salvador (COFAMIDE)
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- Equipo de Estudios Comunitarios y Acción Psicosocial ECAP
- Fundación para la Justicia y el Estado Democrático de Derecho (FJEDD)
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