

Proposal for a JOINT COMMUNITY DECLARATION To the Melbourne Asia Pacific Summit of the World Economic Forum September 11

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The World Economic Forum claims significant influence over international decision-making and decision-makers. Such power includes responsibility to the global community. It is therefore a matter of priority that the WEF put concerns such as debt cancellation, fair trade, democratic control of international institutions, stopping the abuse of human rights, discrimination against women, preventing the privatisation of life forms and public goods, and changing unsustainable consumption patterns, at the centre of its agenda.

We call upon the Asia Pacific Economic Summit of the World Economic Forum to reject the global agenda of Davos 2000 and subsequent regional summits. In the interest of global economic justice and democracy we urge the Asia Pacific Summit of the WEF to recommend the following measures to the World Trade Organisation, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and national governments:

1. Cancellation of all IMF and World Bank debt.
2. An end to the imposition of "Structural Adjustment Programs".
3. Full transparency of World Bank, IMF and WTO dealings and full democratisation.
4. That the WTO overturn trade rules discriminating against the South, and establish democratic systems of global economic governance. In particular, there should be an indefinite postponement of the commencement of the Millenium Round of WTO trade negotiations.
5. That governments of the North, Australia included, should immediately implement the target assistance of 0.7% of GDP in unconditional aid to the South.
6. The creation of a new development fund from taxing global speculative capital flows to be controlled by the countries of the South.
7. That governments, Australia included, end and reverse policies attacking labour rights, promoting privatisation and destroying welfare nets, currently destroying living standards among working people and urban and rural communities in both the North and South.
8. Binding environmental codes of practice for TNCs, at both international and national levels.
9. Respect for human and labour rights as codified by numerous United Nations charters and decisions of the UN General Assembly.

We undersigned support the Melbourne September 2000 people's stand for global justice and democracy.

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