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To: EU commission president Ursula von der Leyen
EU parliament president Roberta Metsola
EU council president António Costa

CC: Permanent Representations of EU member states

January 29, 2026

Open letter: Resist Fossil-fuelled Imperialism - Stand in solidarity with Latin America and Greenland

Dear leaders of the European Union,

Europe prides itself on being a leader in upholding international law and democracy, defending human rights and being a climate champion! The EU has also been able to respond with a clear voice and robust measures to Putin's imperial ambitions and military aggression. Now, it must take an equally strong stand against Trump's.

It is a bitter truth we have to face, but this US administration is - unfortunately - no longer a good-faith partner in the historic alliance with Europe.

Trump's pledge to seize Greenland - even by force - is just one of many recent outrageous developments illustrating that the current US government is not Europe's ally.

His illegal strikes on Venezuela to take control of its oil resources represent a clear violation of international law and have only deepened an already severe democratic, social and economic crisis in the country. These actions were followed immediately by his imperial threats towards Cuba, Colombia and Mexico. Trump has also made clear his contempt for international law through his attacks on the UN, abandonment of the Paris Agreement, and the illegal and unjustifiable sanctions of European citizens (such as [former EU commissioner Thierry Breton](#) and [UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese](#)).

One partner's dominance is, logically, another's subservience. In his quest for US "energy dominance," Trump pressures the EU to dilute its own climate commitments and commit to trade deals that enrich US fossil fuel companies and entrench his own power at the EU's own expense. His administration has attacked the EU's methane regulation and its Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, seeking to weaken Europe's ability to hold corporations accountable for climate and human rights harms.

It used the threat of economically devastating tariffs to ensure the EU would agree to import \$750 billion of US energy products over the next three years, in particular its liquified natural gas (LNG). Apart from the fact that US [LNG is worse than coal](#) and very expensive, US LNG projects [contaminate](#) the air and water of nearby communities, increasing their risk of cancers, asthma, and other serious health

harms.

As long as the EU accedes to Trump's demands, it will be [switching one dangerous dependency for another](#), giving up its sovereignty bit by bit, losing the competitiveness battle, deepening the climate crisis which will be putting its own people's lives at even higher risk from extreme weather, and jeopardizing its ambitions to be seen as a global climate leader.

Additionally, increasing imports of US fossil fuels are projected to raise [energy prices](#) for EU households, up to [one in four](#) of whom are already unable to afford to adequately heat, cool, or light their homes, and expose the EU to greater levels of market volatility, as the US has shown that it is not a reliable trading partner. Every Euro spent on US non-renewable energy, and every fossil fuel investment made by European companies and banks in the United States, fuels Trump's authoritarian agenda at home and his imperial ambitions abroad. The only way Europe can reach energy independence and free itself from outside pressures is by implementing a just transition away from fossil fuels and relying on energy sufficiency/efficiency and homegrown renewable energy. Done well, this can support decent jobs and sound local economies.

It is past time for the EU to draw a line against Trump's fossil-fueled imperialism. We, international and European civil society organizations and individuals, call on the EU to courageously oppose Trump's agenda, and defend people, our planet, and the rule of law.

The EU should:

- Stand in solidarity with the Latin American nations threatened by the United States and other manifestations of imperial force, and to stand against all forms of oppression affecting local communities, as in the specific case of Venezuela.
- Stand in solidarity with Greenland. It is up to its people - and only them - to decide on their future.
- Put forth a motion at the United Nations that condemns the US's blatant violations of international law.
- Immediately cancel negotiations and implementation of the US-EU trade deal
- Engage with EU Member States to renew the European Green Deal and establish a binding roadmap for the phase-out of fossil gas (in particular US LNG)
- Engage with EU Member States to appropriately terminate existing and prevent new long-term contracts for the import or financing of US LNG
- Defend the existing EU Methane Regulation and ensure a strong and robust implementation that applies to imports
- Support the [First International Conference on the Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels](#), organized by the governments of Colombia and the Netherlands

Sincerely,

Español

A:

Presidenta de la Comisión Europea, Ursula von der Leyen.
Presidenta del Parlamento Europeo, Roberta Metsola.
Presidente del Consejo Europeo, António Costa.

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Representaciones Permanentes de los Estados miembros de la UE.

Carta abierta

**Resistamos al imperialismo impulsado por los combustibles fósiles.
¡Solidaricémonos con América Latina y Groenlandia!**

Estimados líderes de la Unión Europea:

Europa se enorgullece de ser líder en la defensa del derecho internacional y la democracia, en la protección de los derechos humanos y en la lucha contra el cambio climático. La UE también ha sabido responder con voz clara y medidas contundentes a las ambiciones imperialistas y la agresión militar del Putin. Ahora debe adoptar una postura igualmente firme frente a las de Trump.

Es una amarga verdad a la que debemos enfrentarnos, pero, lamentablemente, Estados Unidos ya no es un socio de buena fe en la histórica alianza con Europa. La promesa de Trump de apoderarse, incluso por la fuerza, de Groenlandia es solo uno de los muchos acontecimientos escandalosos recientes que ilustran que el actual Gobierno estadounidense no es aliado de Europa.

Sus ataques ilegales contra Venezuela para tomar el control de sus recursos petroleros representan una clara violación del derecho internacional y solo han agravado la ya grave crisis democrática, social y económica del país. Estas acciones fueron seguidos inmediatamente por sus amenazas imperiales hacia Cuba, Colombia y México. Trump también ha dejado claro su desprecio por el derecho internacional a través de sus ataques a la ONU, el abandono del Acuerdo de París y las sanciones ilegales e injustificables a ciudadanos europeos (como el excomisario de la UE Thierry Breton y la relatora especial de la ONU Francesca Albanese).

El dominio de un socio es, lógicamente, la sumisión de otro. En su búsqueda de la «dominancia energética» de Estados Unidos, Trump presiona a la UE para que diluya sus propios compromisos climáticos y se comprometa a acuerdos comerciales que enriquecen a las empresas estadounidenses de combustibles fósiles y afianzan su propio poder a costa de la UE. Su administración ha atacado la normativa sobre metano de la UE y su Directiva sobre la diligencia debida en materia de sostenibilidad empresarial, con el fin de debilitar la capacidad de Europa para exigir responsabilidades a las empresas por los daños causados al clima y a los derechos humanos.

Utilizó la amenaza de aranceles económicamente devastadores para garantizar que la UE aceptara importar 750,000 millones de dólares en productos energéticos estadounidenses durante los próximos tres años, en particular su gas natural licuado (GNL). Aparte del hecho de que el GNL estadounidense es peor que el carbón y muy caro, los proyectos de GNL estadounidenses contaminan el aire y el agua de las comunidades cercanas, lo que aumenta el riesgo de cáncer, asma y otros graves problemas de salud.

Mientras la UE acceda a las demandas de Trump, estará cambiando una dependencia peligrosa por otra, renunciando poco a poco a su soberanía, perdiendo

la batalla de la competitividad, agravando la crisis climática, lo que pondrá en mayor riesgo la vida de su propia población frente a fenómenos meteorológicos extremos, y poniendo en peligro sus ambiciones de ser considerada líder mundial en materia climática.

Además, se prevé que el aumento de las importaciones de combustibles fósiles estadounidenses provoque un incremento de los precios de la energía para los hogares de la UE, de los cuales hasta uno de cada cuatro ya no puede permitirse calentar, refrigerar o iluminar adecuadamente sus hogares, y expondrá a la UE a mayores niveles de volatilidad del mercado, ya que Estados Unidos ha demostrado que no es un socio comercial fiable.

Cada euro gastado en energía no renovable estadounidense y cada inversión en combustibles fósiles realizada por empresas y bancos europeos en Estados Unidos alimenta la agenda autoritaria de Trump en su país y sus ambiciones imperiales en el extranjero. La única forma en que Europa puede alcanzar la independencia energética y liberarse de las presiones externas es implementando una transición justa que abandone los combustibles fósiles y se base en la suficiencia y la eficiencia energética y en las energías renovables autóctonas. Si se hace bien, esto puede favorecer la creación de puestos de trabajo dignos y economías locales sólidas.

Ya es hora de que la UE marque una línea roja contra el imperialismo alimentado por los combustibles fósiles de Trump. Nosotros, personas y organizaciones de la sociedad civil internacionales y europeas, pedimos a la UE que se oponga con valentía a la agenda de Trump y defienda a las personas, nuestro planeta y el Estado de derecho.

La UE debería:

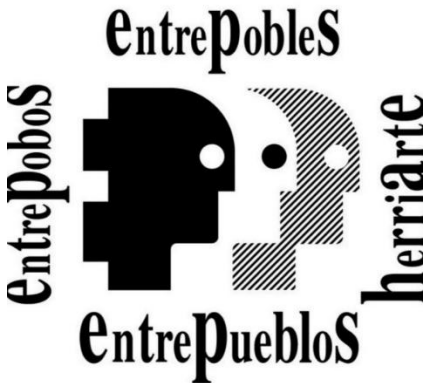
- Mostrar su solidaridad con las naciones latinoamericanas amenazadas por Estados Unidos y otras manifestaciones de fuerza imperial, y oponerse a todas las formas de opresión que afectan a las comunidades locales, como en el caso concreto de Venezuela.
- Mostrar su solidaridad con Groenlandia. Es su pueblo, y solo él, quien debe decidir sobre su futuro.
- Presentar una moción en las Naciones Unidas que condene las flagrantes violaciones del derecho internacional por parte de Estados Unidos.
- Cancelar inmediatamente las negociaciones y la aplicación del acuerdo comercial entre Estados Unidos y la UE
- Colaborar con los Estados miembros de la UE para renovar el Pacto Verde Europeo y establecer una hoja de ruta vinculante para la eliminación gradual del gas fósil (en particular, el GNL estadounidense).
- Colaborar con los Estados miembros de la UE para rescindir adecuadamente los contratos existentes y evitar nuevos contratos a largo plazo para la importación o financiación de GNL estadounidense.
- Defender el actual Reglamento de la UE sobre el metano y garantizar una aplicación firme y sólida que se aplique a las importaciones.
- Apoyar la Primera Conferencia Internacional sobre la Transición Justa para Abandonar los Combustibles Fósiles, organizada por los Gobiernos de Colombia y los Países Bajos.

Name of organization/group	Country/region	Logo
	Europe	
1. 11.11.11	Belgium/Europe	
2. A Sud	Italy/Europe	
3. Afri (Action from Ireland)	Ireland/Europe	
4. Amigas de la Tierra España	Spain/Europe	
5. Andy Gheorghiu Consulting	Germany/Europe	
6. ASEED	Netherlands/Europe	
7. Attac Austria	Austria/Europe	

8. Attac France	France/Europe	
9. Berliner Wassertisch	Germany/Europe	
10. BUND (FoE Germany)	Germany/Europe	
11. Bürgerinitiative für Gesundheit Hemslingen/Söhlingen	Germany/Europe	
12. Bürgerinitiative gegen CO2-Endlager e.V.	Germany/Europe	
13. Bürgerinitiative Saubere Umwelt & Energie Altmark	Germany/Europe	

14. Campagna Nazionale Per il Clima Fuori dal Fossile	Italy/Europe	
15. CEKOR - Center for Ecology and Sustainable Development	Serbia/Europe	
16. Children's Rights Over Flights	Ireland/Europe	
17. Cittadini per l'aria	Italy/Europe	
18. Climáximo	Portugal/Europe	

19. CNCD-11.11.11	Belgium/Europe	
20. Coal Action Network	United Kingdom/Europe	
21. Cobas Lavoro privato	Italy/Europe	
22. Comité Cidadán de Emerxencia Ría de Ferrol	Spain/Europe	
23. Common Weal	Scotland/Europe	
24. Community Food Growers Network (CFGN)	United Kingdom/Europe	

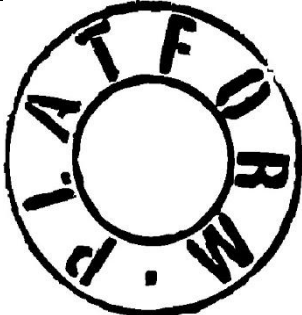
25. Corporate Europe Observatory	Belgium/Europe	
26. Ecologistas en Acción	Spain/Europe	
27. Emergenzaclimatica.it	Italy/Europe	 EMERGENZACLIMATICA.IT
28. Entraide et Fraternite	Belgium/Europe	
29. EntrePueblos	Spain/Europe	

30. Environmental center for Development Education and Networking (EDEN)	Albania/Europe	
31. European Grandparents for Climate	Europe	
32. European Trade Justice Coalition	Europe	
33. Finnish Grandparents for Climate	Finnland/Europe	
34. Focus, Association for Sustainable Development	Slovenia/Europe	
35. Food & Water Action Europe	Belgium/Europe	
36. Forum Ambientalista	Italy/Europe	

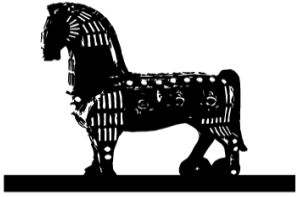
37. Fossilvrij NL	Netherlands/Europe	
38. Friends of Earth Malta	Malta/Europe	
39. Friends of the Earth	Cyprus/Europe	
40. Friends of the Earth Europe	Belgium/Europe	
41. Future Proof Clare	Ireland/Europe	
42. Gas No Es Solución	Spain/Europe	

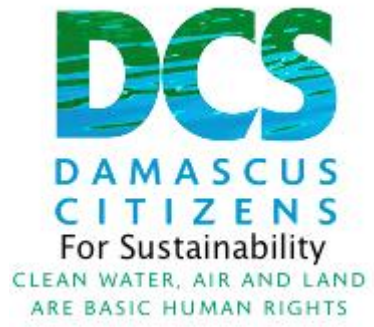
43. Gemeinnütziger Verein pro-grün Paderborn	Germany/Europe	
44. GLOBAL 2000 - Friends of the Earth Austria	Austria/Europe	
45. Grandparents for Future Austria	Austria/Europe	
46. Informationsstelle Peru e.V.	Germany/Europe	
47. IPB, International Peace Bureau	Germany/Europe	
48. Juventud X El Clima/Fridays For Future Spain	Spain/Europe	
49. LINGO (Leave it in the Ground)	Germany/Europe	

50. London Mining Network	United Kingdom/Europe	
51. Mission Possible	Poland/Europe	
52. Mothers Rise Up	United Kingdom/Europe	
53. Mouvement Ecologique (Friends of the Earth Luxembourg)	Luxembourg/Europe	
54. Movimento No TAP/SNAM Brindis	Italy/Europe	
55. NABU Wilhelmshaven	Germany/Europe	
56. Netzwerk gerechter Welthandel	Germany/Europe	

57. NOAH, Friends of the Earth Denmark	Denmark/Europe	
58. Not Here Not Anywhere	Ireland/Europe	
59. Oidhaco (Oficina Internacional de Derechos Humanos – Acción Colombia)	Belgium/Europe	
60. Osservatorio Fairwatch	Italy/Europe	
61. Platform	United Kingdom/Europe	
62. Polish Green Network	Poland/Europe	
63. PowerShift	Germany/Europe	

64. ReCommon	Italy/Europe		
65. Red europea de Comités Oscar Romero (SICSAL-Europa)	Europe		
66. Rinascimento Green	Italy/Europe		
67. Robin Wood	Germany/Europe		
68. Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczne EKO - UNIA	Poland/Europe		
69. TNI, Transnational Institute	Netherlands/Europe		

70. TROCA - Plataforma por um Comércio Internacional Justo	Portugal/Europe	 TROCA Plataforma por um Comércio Internacional Justo
71. Umweltinstitut München	Germany/Europe	 Umweltinstitut München e.V.
72. Urgewald	Germany/Europe	 urgewald
73. WILPF UK	United Kingdom/Europe	 WILPF UK
74. Wittorfer für Umwelt und Gesundheit e.V. (WUG)	Germany/Europe	
75. Workshop for All Beings	Poland/Europe	
76. Zelena akcija/Friends of the Earth Croatia	Croatia/Europe	

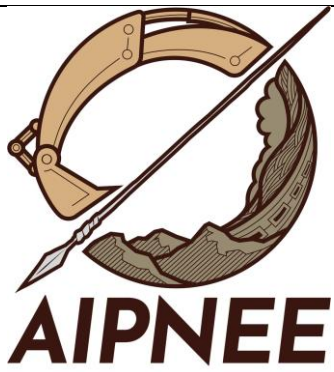
	United States	
77. 198 methods	United States	
78. Better Brazoria: Clean Air & Water in BC	United States	
79. Climate Conversation - Brazoria County	Texas/United States	
80. Climate Defenders	United States	
81. Damascus Citizens for Sustainability	United States	
82. Fenceline Watch	Texas/United States	

83. For a Better Bayou	Louisiana/United States	
84. Friends of the Earth United States	United States	
85. Gulf South Finance Hub	Texas/United States	
86. Habitat Recovery Project	Louisiana/United States	
87. Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action (HAPA)	Hawaii/United States	
88. Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy	United States	

89. Methane Action	United States	
90. NC Climate Solutions Coalition	United States	
91. North Tonawanda Climate Smart Communities Task Force	United States	
92. Oil and Gas Action Network (OGAN)	United States	
93. Oilfield Witness	United States	

94. Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania	United States	 The logo for Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) Pennsylvania. It features the letters 'PSR' in a large, blue, stylized font. To the left of the 'P' and to the right of the 'R' are silhouettes of two people standing. Below the 'PSR' text, the word 'Pennsylvania' is written in a smaller, orange, sans-serif font.
95. Port Arthur Community Action Network	Texas/United States	 The logo for the Port Arthur Community Action Network. It features a green globe with a map of Texas highlighted in red. Two hands are shown holding the globe from below. Below the globe, the text 'PORT ARTHUR' is written in red, and 'Community Action Network' is written in a smaller, blue font below it.
96. Public Citizen	United States	 The logo for Public Citizen. It features a stylized illustration of the Statue of Liberty's head and crown in white and green, set against a blue background. Below the illustration, the word 'PUBLICCITIZEN' is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font.
97. Save The Aurora Reservoir	United States	 The logo for Save The Aurora Reservoir. It features a blue silhouette of the state of Alaska. The words 'SAVE THE' are written in a curved path above the state, and 'AURORA RESERVOIR' is written in a curved path below the state, both in a blue, sans-serif font.
98. Scientists for Global Responsibility	United States	 The logo for Scientists for Global Responsibility. It features a green circular icon with a white circuit board pattern. To the right of the icon, the text 'Scientists for Global Responsibility' is written in a green, sans-serif font.
99. Stand.earth	United States and Canada	 The logo for Stand.earth. It features the word 'STAND' in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font. To the right of 'STAND', the word 'earth' is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font, with a period before it.
100. Stephen McDonnell Art	United States	Stephen McDonnell Art
101. Texas Campaign for the Environment	Texas/United States	 The logo for the Texas Campaign for the Environment. It features a stylized sun with rays in orange and yellow, and a blue wave below it. To the right of the icon, the text 'TEXAS CAMPAIGN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT' is written in a green, sans-serif font.

102. Turtle Island Restoration Network	United States	
103. Youth Climate Finance (YCFA)	United States	
	Latin America	
104. Attac Argentina	Argentina/Latin America	
105. Bcsicletos A.C.	Mexico/Latin America	
106. Conexiones Climáticas	Mexico/Latin America	
107. EU-LAT Network	Europe/Latin America	
108. Red de Mujeres Indígenas y Afrodescendientes con Discapacidad ALC (REMIAD)	Latin America and the Caribbean	

109. Alianza de Organizaciones Sociales y Afines por una Cooperación para la Paz y la Democracia	Colombia/Latin America	 LA ALIANZA Organizaciones sociales y afines por una cooperación para la paz y la democracia en Colombia
	Canada	
110. Grandmothers Act to Save the Planet (GASP)	Canada	 GRAND(M)OTHERS ACT TO SAVE THE PLANET
111. New Brunswick Anti-Shale Gas Alliance	Canada	
112. Sustainable Energy Group (SEG)	Canada	
	Asia	
113. Asia Indigenous Peoples Network on Extractive Industries and Energy (AIPNEE)	Philippines/Asia	
114. Community Empowerment and Social Justice Network (CEMSOJ)	Nepal/Asia	

115.	INFID	Indonesia/Asia	
116.	Jatam	Indonesia/Asia	
117.	Solidaritas Perempuan	Indonesia/Asia	
118.	Walhi, Friends of the Earth Indonesia	Indonesia/Asia	
		Africa	
119.	Innovation pour le Développement et la Protection de l'Environnement	RD.Congo/Africa	
		International/Global	
120.	CIEL (Centre for International Environmental Law)	International	
121.	Greenfaith	International	

122. Greenpeace International	International	
123. Oil Change International	International	
124. Pax Christi International	International/Global	
125. Zero Hour	Global - mainly US based	