

MANIFESTO OF EUROPEAN CITIES ON AN ALLIANCE WITH THE AMAZONIAN INDIAN PEOPLES

GLOBAL CLIMATIC CHANGES ARE LOOMING. THE TORONTO WORLD CONFERENCE DECLARED THAT DRASTIC REDUCTIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS ARE IMPERATIVE – PARTICULARLY FOR THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.

75% OF THE EMISSIONS FROM THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS ARE PRODUCED BY NORTHERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES. THE CONCLUSION WE DRAW IS THAT WE ARE UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO TAKE ACTION.

1. THE ALLIANCE OF EUROPEAN CITIES

WE, THE CITIES OF EUROPE, ARE STRIVING TO ENSURE, BY REDUCING ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND MOTORIZED ROAD TRANSPORT, THAT PRESSURE IS TAKEN OFF THE ATMOSPHERE SO AS TO ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY LIVING CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

2. NO UNNECESSARY CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

OUR AIM IS TO HALVE CO₂ EMISSIONS BY THE YEAR 2010 AND THEN REDUCE THEM EVEN FURTHER, STEP BY STEP. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STOP ALL PRODUCTION AND USE OF CFC PROPELLANTS IMMEDIATELY.

WE REGARD AS OUR ALLIES ALL THOSE WHO TAKE SIMILAR STEPS TO PROTECT THE WORLD'S CLIMATE.

3. WE SUPPORT THE ALLIANCE OF THE AMAZONIAN INDIAN PEOPLES

WE, THE CITIES OF EUROPE, SUPPORT THE CONCERN OF THE AMAZONIAN INDIAN PEOPLES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE TROPICAL RAIN FOREST, THE BASIS OF THEIR VERY EXISTENCE, THROUGH THE DEMARCATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE AMAZONIAN TERRITORIES. THEIR DEFENCE OF THE FORESTS AND RIVERS IS A CONTRIBUTION TO SUSTAINING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AS THE BASIC PRECONDITION FOR HUMAN EXISTENCE. WOOD FROM TROPICAL RAINFORESTS MUST THEREFORE BE NEITHER IMPORTED NOR UTILIZED IN ANY WAY; MOREOVER, FURTHER FORMS OF FOREST DEGRADATION SUCH AS UNLIMITED CATTLE PRODUCTION, COLONIZATION PROJECTS, THE USE OF PESTICIDES, MONOCULTURES, HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATIONS AND MINING AND MINERAL OIL EXPLOITATIONS WHICH ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING MUST BE QUESTIONED. THE FORESTS ARE A SINK FOR CARBON DIOXIDE, THE EMISSION OF WHICH WE, TOO, – IN OUR OWN WAY – SEEK TO RESTRICT.

IN OUR EFFORTS TO PRESERVE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THIS PLANET WE SEE OURSELVES AS THEIR PARTNERS IN THE ALLIANCE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE RAINFORESTS AND THE PROTECTION OF THE CLIMATE, WHICH, WE HOPE, MORE AND MORE EUROPEAN CITIES WILL JOIN!