

## **For AWG-LCA intervention**

We speak on behalf of Climate Justice Now!

The new text to “facilitate negotiations among Parties” of July 9 appears more balanced than the text issued of June 10, especially as regards the section on shared vision and mitigation of developed country Parties. While we welcome that, there are still many areas where we as civil society and social movements have concerns about.

### **Equitable access to atmospheric space**

In relation to the section on shared vision, it is critical that the concept of “an equitable share in the atmospheric space” is reflected in the context of a global goal for emissions reductions. We welcome the reflection of this concept in the current text.

However, we regret that the need for establishing such a “paradigm for equitable access to global atmospheric resources” has not been considered in the text and this omission, we believe must be rectified.

We regret that the Bolivian proposal on a methodology for achieving an equitable allocation of global atmospheric space between developed and developing countries has been omitted in the new text. For us, this issue is key as it was one of the outcomes of the Cochabamba Peoples’ Agreement on Climate Change and Mother Earth Rights.

### **Future of the Kyoto Protocol**

We are happy to see that in relation to the mitigation commitments of developed countries, there is clear reference to the continuation of the Kyoto Protocol in relation to developed country Parties in the KP needing to commit to ambitious aggregate targets for emissions reductions in the second commitment period.

Developed countries must not delay and drag their feet in showing true leadership in owning up to their historical responsibilities and their climate debt. They must not attempt to “kill the KP” but to abide by the understandings reached in Bali, consistent with the Bali Roadmap and the mandate of the AWG-KP.

The US, which is not a party to the KP must commit to comparable efforts consistent with the Bali Action Plan commitments under paragraph 1(b)(i).

The US should not hold the world hostage by failing to agree to ambitious cuts in emissions on the part of developed country Parties. The lack of ambition on the part of the US must not be used as an excuse by the other developed countries to cause their “great escape” from their Kyoto Protocol obligations.

The approach by the US and others members of the Umbrella Group in advocating a pledge approach for their mitigation targets without a top-down aggregate approach which is set consistent with the science and equity is completely unacceptable. Such an approach as advocated by the Copenhagen Accord is detrimental both for the planet and the poor.

### **Market instruments**

We are also very concerned with the proposals in the text for market instruments.

We see these proposals as efforts by developed countries to migrate issues regarding carbon trading and carbon markets which are under the remit of the AWG-KP into the AWG-LCA. We fear that this attempted “migration” is to prepare the ground for transferring elements of the Kyoto Protocol to the Convention, and hence, to prepare the ground for doing away with the Kyoto Protocol.

We are opposed to proposals by developed countries for an expanded global carbon market with new mechanisms, which go far beyond the existing Clean Development Mechanism in the name of undertaking cost-effective measures, which are in effect offset mechanisms.

There are only 10 negotiating days left before Cancun. We cannot afford to waste anymore time with proposals which do not lead to real solutions for a just, equitable and environmentally ambitious outcome in Cancun.