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*REPRESENTANTES DE QUATRO CONTINENTES PEDEM MORATORIA AS BARRAGENS, NO ENCONTRO DE CURITIBA

Mais de duzentos participantes do "Primeiro Encontro Internacional de Atingidos por Barragens" aprovaram, na semana passada, a "Declarao de Curitiba", um dos mais importantes documentos ja produzidos sobre a questao. A delcarao aponta causas e consequencias da opo pelas grandes barragens, em todo o mundo, e propoe uma moratoria a tais projetos, ate que sejam respondidas as questoes tecnicas, cientificas, economicas e sociais apresentadas pelo movimento.

Considerando que o Parana eh um dos estados brasileiros mais afetados pelo problema, a Rede Verde decidiu oferecer o documento na integra, para "meditao e orientao".

"Nos, pessoas de 20 paises, reunidas em Curitiba, Brasil, representando organizao a barragens destrutivas, partilhamos nossas experiencias de perdas e de amea

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Nossa luta e a mesma porque por toda parte as barragens expulsam as pessoas de suas casas, inundam terras agricolas ferteis, florestas e lugares sagrados, destroem reservas pesqueiras e de abastecimento de agua potavel, provocam a desintegrao social e cultural, assim como o empobrecimento economico de nossas comunidades.

Nossa luta e a mesma porque por toda parte existe uma grande distancia entre os beneficios economicos e sociais prometidos pelos construtores de barragens e a realidade do que acontece depois da constru. Barragens quase sempre tem custado mais do que projetado, mesmo se nao se incluem custos sociais e ambientais. Barragens tem produzido menos eletricidade e irrigado menos terras do que foi prometido. Elas tornaram as enchentes ainda mais destruidoras. Elas beneficiaram latifundiarios, grandes empresas agroindustriais e especuladores.

Elas expropriaram pequenos agricultores, trabalhadores rurais, pescadores, comunidades indigenas, tribais e tradicionais, comunidades remanescentes de quilombos.

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Nossa luta e a mesma porque estamos enfrentando os mesmos interesses poderosos, os mesmos financiadores internacionais, as mesmas agencias multilaterais e bilaterais de credito e ajuda, as mesmas empresas de constru e produ de equipamentos, as mesmas firmas de consultoria em engenharia e meio ambiente, as mesmas corpora envolvidas com industrias eletrointensivas fortemente subsidiadas.

Nossa luta e a mesma porque por toda parte as popula que mais sofrem por causa das barragens sao excluidas dos processos de decisao. As decisoes sao tomadas por tecnocratas, politicos e elites empresariais que ampliam seu proprio gra a constru de barragens.

Nossas lutas comuns nos convenceram de que e necessario e possivel dar por encerrada a era das barragens destrutivas. Tambem necessario e possivel implementar modos alternativos, equitativos, sustentaveis e efetivos, de abastecimento de energia e de gestao de recursos hidricos.

Para que isso aconte, exigimos uma real democracia, o que inclui a participa publica e a transparencia no desenvolvimento e implementa das politicas energeticas e de recursos hidricos, juntamente com a descentraliza do poder politico e o fortalecimento das comunidades locais. Devemos reduzir as desigualdades atraves de medidas que incluem a democratiza do acesso a terra. Tambem reafirmamos os direitos inalienaveis das comunidades ao controle e gestao de suas aguas, terras, florestas e outros recursos e o direito de todos a um meio ambiente saudavel.

Devemos avan em dire a uma sociedade na qual seres humanos e natureza nao mais sejam submetidos a logica do mercado, onde o unico valor e o das mercadorias e o unico objetivo, o lucro. Devemos avan em dire a uma sociedade que respeite a diversidade, e seja fundada em rela justas e equitativas entre as pessoas, as regioes e as na.

Nossa experienca compartilhada nos leva a acordar o que segue:

1) Reconhecemos e endossamos os princípios da Declara do Rio de Janeiro de ONGs e Movimentos Sociais, de 1992, e a Declara de Manibeli sobre os Financiamentos do Banco Mundial para Grandes Barragens, de 1994.

2) Nos oporemos a constru de qualquer barragem que nao tenha sido aprovada pela popula atingida apos um processo de decisao efetivamente participativo e informado.

3) Exigimos que os governos, agencias internacionais e investidores implementem uma moratoria imediata na constru de grandes barragens ate que:

a. Tenham fim todas as formas de violencia e intimida contra popula afetadas e movimentos de oposi as barragens.

b. Esteja assegurada reparação, inclusive acesso a terras, casas e adequada infraestrutura social, negociada com os milhoes de pessoas cujos modos de vida ja sofreram por causa das barragens.

c. A sejam desenvolvidas para restaurar os prejuizos ambientais provocados pelas barragens - mesmo quando isso exigir a remo de barragens.

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- d. Os direitos territoriais das popula

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g. Sejam implementadas politicas energeticas e de recursos hidricos que estimulem o uso de tecnologias sustentaveis e apropriadas, recorrendo tanto a ciencia moderna quanto ao saber tradicional. Estas politicas tambem deverao desencorajar o consumo excessivo e desperdicio, democratizando o acesso aos meios indispensaveis a vida como agua e energia.

4) O processo de privatiza

5) Ao longo de anos temos mostrado nosso crescente poder. Ocupamos canteiros de obras e escritorios, manifestamos em nossas aldeias, cidades e capitais, recusamo-nos a abandonar nossas terras mesmo sofrendo intimida

Somos fortes, diversos e unidos, e nossa causa e justa. Conseguimos barrar barragens e for

Comprometemo-nos a intensificar a luta com as destruidoras barragens. Das pequenas cidades da India, Brasil e Lesotho ate os escritorios de

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Washington, Toquio e Londres, forçaremos os construtores de barragens a aceitarem nossas exigencias.

Para fortalecer nosso movimento vamos construir e reforçar redes regionais e internacionais. Para simbolizar nossa crescente unidade, declaramos que o 14 de março, Dia Nacional de Luta Contra as Barragens brasileiro sera, a partir de agora, o Dia Internacional de Luta Contra as Barragens e Pelos Rios, Pela Agua e Pela Vida. "

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PRESS RELEASE:

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BRAZILIAN MOVEMENT OF DAM-AFFECTED PEOPLE (MAB)

Call for International Moratorium on Large-Dam Building

Dam-Affected People Demand Reparations for Losses

Delegates at the First International Meeting of Dam-Affected People have demanded an immediate international moratorium on the building of large dams [1]. Attendees of the meeting, held March 11-14 in Curitiba, Brazil, said the moratorium should last until a number of demands are met, including the provision of reparations to the millions of people whose livelihoods have suffered because of dams.

The "Declaration of Curitiba," which was endorsed by representatives of dam-affected people and dam opponents from 20 countries [2], also demanded that no dam be built without the approval of the affected people "after an informed and participative decision-making process."

Other conditions on lifting the moratorium include the following:

- "the restoration of environments damaged by dams, even when this requires the removal of the dams,"
- "a halt to all forms of violence and intimidation against people affected by dams," and
- the establishment of an "international independent commission" to review all large dams financed by international aid and credit agencies.

The declaration states that "it is both necessary and possible to bring an end to the era of destructive dams. It is also both necessary and possible to implement alternative ways of providing energy and managing our freshwaters which are equitable, sustainable and effective."

All over the world, the declaration states, "dams force people from their homes, submerge fertile farmlands, forests and sacred places, destroy fisheries and supplies of clean water, and cause the social and cultural disintegration and economic impoverishment of our communities."

The declaration describes the growing strength of the international movement to oppose large dams: "We have occupied dam sites and offices, marched in our villages and cities, refused to leave our lands even though we have faced intimidation, violence and drowning. We have unmasked the corruption, lies and false promises of the dam industry . . . We are strong, diverse and united and our cause is just. We have stopped destructive dams and have forced dam builders to respect our rights. We have stopped dams in the past, and we will stop more in the future . . . From the villages of India,

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diverse and united and our cause is just. We have stopped destructive dams and have forced dam builders to respect our rights. We have stopped dams in the past, and we will stop more in the future . . . From the villages of India, Brazil and Lesotho to the board rooms of Washington, Tokyo and London, we will force dam builders to accept our demands."

To symbolise the growing unity of dam opponents around the world, the Declaration of Curitiba announces that 14 March, currently the Brazilian Day of Struggles Against Dams, will from now on become the International Day of Action Against Dams and for Rivers, Water, and Life. The organizing committee of the First International Meeting of People Affected by Dams, comprised of groups from Chile, Brazil, India and the US, will coordinate the International Day of Action.

In addition to international representatives, the meeting was attended by 70 representatives from all regions of Brazil, from the Uruguay River Basin in the far south to the remote communities in the Amazonian north.

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NOTES

[1] The conventional international dam industry definition of a large dam is one over 15 metres high (around the height of a four-storey building). There are currently around 40,000 large dams in the world which have together displaced more than 30 million people and submerged more than 400,000 square kilometers (roughly the area of California).

[2] "The Declaration of Curitiba: Affirming the Right to Life and Livelihood of People Affected by Dams," was signed by representatives of 20 countries, including: Argentina, Chile, France, India, Lesotho, Mexico, Paraguay, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand and others. The declaration is posted on IRN's web site, whose address is: <http://www.irn.org>.

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Announcing:

The First International Conference of Peoples Affected by Large Dams
(Curitiba, Brazil - March 11-14, 1997)

The Brazilian Movement of Dam-Affected Peoples (MAB) announces the First International Conference of Peoples Affected by Large Dams, which will take place in Curitiba, Brazil on 11-14 March, 1997. The meeting will bring together dam-affected populations from 20 countries to share experiences and discuss strategies for halting large dam projects and other major river infrastructural projects which have a devastating social and environmental cost, and to obtain fair compensation for those already displaced or affected by large dams. The meeting is being organized by MAB in conjunction with an international organizing committee which includes Narmada Bachao Andolan (India), the International Institute for Human Rights, Environment and Development (Nepal), Grupo de Acción por el Bio Bio (Chile), European Rivers Network (France) and International Rivers Network (USA).

Among the topics which will be discussed are: Experiences and strategies of local communities in confronting the impacts of large dams; Large dams - in whose interest?; Economic development models and energy use; Role of governments, multilateral agencies, and private corporations in promoting large dams; Energy alternatives; Democratizing water resource planning and decision making processes; River basin management; and Social, territorial, and cultural rights of indigenous peoples and rural populations.

Participation in the first three days of the conference are by invitation only.

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