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1. NOTES ON THE CURRENT SITUATION

Tropical Storm Stan Tragedy

Storm-affected communities are not receiving aid

Several communities in the departments of Escuintla and San Marcos have still not received aid. Osmin Revolorio, representative for Escuintla of the Human Rights Ombudsman's Office, criticised the massive official propaganda in the media, and said that nothing was being done to reduce hunger and to provide health care for the people of Escuintla. According to him, food distribution has been disorganised in some villages and there has been misuse of resources which are not reaching the real victims. According to the National Coordinating Body for the Reduction of Disasters (CONRED), Stan caused 25 deaths in Escuintla, and affected 158.000 people and 258 communities. In San Marcos Department, dozens of people affected by Stan are still waiting to receive the aid announced by the President of the Republic, Oscar Berger.

Impunity

Problems concerning the National Compensation Commission and Programme.

Victims of the internal armed conflict held demonstrations on 21st November, at the National Compensation Commission's head office and at its regional offices in Chimaltenango, Quiché and Cobán, to demand the resignation of Rosalina Tuyuc, Director of the National Compensation Programme. Subsequently, the Executive decided to intervene and restructure the National Compensation Commission (CNR). This involves changing all the members except for Rosalina Tuyuc, who, as the President's delegate, will continue chairing the Commission. The civil society organisations – of indigenous people, of women, of victims and of human rights – lost control of the payment of compensation to those affected by the war, totalling Q. 3000 million, at a rate of Q. 300 million a year for ten years. The administration of these funds will now be in the hands of the Ministry of Public Finance. The CNR was set up in mid 2004, consisting of 13 representatives of civil society, who took decisions and administered the future of the fund through an Executive Director, but they were unable to reach agreement.

Spanish judge issues another order for questioning

Spanish judge Santiago Pedraz has made a new request to Guatemalan authorities to authorise taking statements from eight witnesses and two accused, in cases of genocide, assassinations and illegal detentions committed in Guatemala between 1978 and 1986. The Spanish High Court judge's decision follows the ruling by the Spanish Constitutional Court which established that the Spanish justice system has jurisdiction to try crimes of genocide throughout the world, even when there are no Spanish victims.

Framework Law for Peace Accords was presented to civil society

Norma Quixtán, Secretary for Peace, stated that "the Framework Law for the Peace Accords, recently passed by Congress, strengthens fulfilment of the obligations undertaken to achieve a firm and lasting peace in this country." The Peace Accords National Commission urged all sectors to involve themselves actively in the formation of the Peace Accords National Council (CNAP), which should be set up no later than 25th January.

Land

Violent eviction from several estates in Jalapa Department; one person dead and 14 injured

Eviction of peasants who for a month had been occupying 40 rural properties in El Terrero village, near the departmental capital of Jalapa, resulted in 14 people injured – four of whom are police – and 36 people arrested. Carlos Caljú, spokesman for the National Civil Police (PNC), said that after four and a half hours of unsuccessful dialogue, a justice of the peace gave the order for 310 PNC agents to proceed with the eviction. Their action was reinforced by 50 soldiers providing security around the area.

Fifty-five peasants arrested during the violent eviction from the Santa Gertrudis estate, Jalapa Department, carried out by the National Civil Police (PNC) on 10th November, were remanded in custody on charges of attempted homicide, assault, injury, and aggravated trespass, by order of the court of primary jurisdiction. One of the peasants wounded in the eviction from Santa Gertrudis estate died as a result of bullet wounds.

Peasants take legal action against President Oscar Berger

Groups of peasants have filed a complaint against President Oscar Berger, against the Minister for the Interior, Carlos Vielmann, and against the Minister for Finance, María Antonieta de Bonilla. In their legal action, the peasants, who live on the Camelias and El Maguey estates in Fraijanes municipality, allege aggravated trespass, abuse of authority and disobedience to a court decision. They allege that the President reassigned the Camelias estate to the Interior Ministry, in spite of a Constitutional Court ruling which establishes ownership by the San Antonio Peasant Association.

Land registry will take ten years

According to Chamber of Agriculture representatives, it will take up to ten years to complete the measuring process for the Land Registry throughout the country. Chamber president Carlos Zúñiga declared his intention not to get involved in the measuring process, since it is a technical matter which should not become political, and he urged peasant sectors not to intervene.

Globalisation

Executive approved laws for the construction of mega-projects

Laws to permit the construction of a highway (the FTN) along the northern border strip and of the Metropolitan ring road (AM) were approved by President Oscar Berger, and published in the *Diario de Centro América* (official gazette). With this the tendering process begins. The Guatemalan Congress will allocate the contracts for constructing the FTN highway and the ring road, whilst the Ministry of Communications will be in charge of the tendering process, sign the contracts, and supervise the work. This is laid down in two laws approved by Congress which open the way for the concessions. Labor Union leader Nery Barrios, from the Unity of Labour and Popular Action (UASP), said at a press conference that he will file a writ alleging that the northern border strip and ring road projects are unconstitutional as he considers that they contain illegalities. Representatives of the Collective of Social Organisations (COS) said that they hope to apply pressure through grassroots protests so that the President will veto these laws.

Tendering for oil exploration and drilling areas

During 2005 the Ministry of Energy offered two oil areas for tender, both in southern Petén, bordering on the departments of Alta Verapaz and Quiché. The two companies that won the tenders to develop these areas for 25 years will invest \$95.8 million. KLP Industries Inc. will invest \$72.9 million in Area 6, and Petro Latina Corporation will invest \$22.9 million in Area 7. These projects were in the hands of Perenco Guatemala Limited whose 25 year contract had expired. The Ministry of Energy and Mines is hurrying promotion to attract investors and offer two new oil areas in Petén and Quiché departments for tender in the first quarter of 2006.

Other

Maya-Jaguar Plan extended until 2008

The Guatemalan Congress gave its first reading to a draft decree authorising a three year extension of the entry of members of the US armed forces to collaborate with Guatemalan authorities in combating drug trafficking within the framework of the Maya-Jaguar Plan.

US anti-drug authority denounces drug trafficking in Guatemala

A US anti-drug authority report names Guatemala as one of the main points for the transport and storage of drugs in the region. Michael O'Brien, representative of the USA's Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), declared that Guatemala lacks laws against drug trafficking: "Drug trafficking is inserting itself more and more into government circles thus making it more difficult to create a legal framework in which to prosecute them; this could turn Guatemala into a *mini Colombia*", he warned. Members of the Guatemalan army and anti-drug forces trained by the US have become involved in cocaine trafficking and have become virtually immune to prosecution.

Sources: Prensa Libre, Siglo Veintiuno, El Periódico, Inforpress Centroamericana, La Semana en Guatemala, Informe Semanal Sobre Derechos Humanos, Informador Rural.

2. ACTIVITIES OF PBI GUATEMALA: WITHIN GUATEMALA

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2.1 MEETINGS WITH GUATEMALAN AUTHORITIES AND MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Meetings with Guatemalan authorities and members of the diplomatic corps in Guatemala are an essential component in the work of PBI to make our objectives and the content of our work known. Through these meetings, when necessary and in a reserved manner, we express our concern over critical situations that we have directly become acquainted with through the type of work we do in the field.

Guatemalan Authorities:

- § Marco Leopoldo Zeissig, Human Rights Ombudsman, PDH
- § Maria Concepción Reinhardt Mosquera, President of the Human Rights Commission of the National Congress
- § Mr. Girón, Human Rights Ombudsman, PDH

Diplomatic Corps:

- § Fabien Moury, First Council of the French Embassy
- § Benjamín Izaguirre, Political Section of the Embassy of the United States
- § Anders Kompass, Director of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, OACDH

2.2 MEETINGS WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

The PBI Guatemala Project team holds regular meetings with Civil Society Organisations. This enables us to monitor the situation of human rights defenders and to exchange information on the work being carried out, as well as to gather information which helps us to develop our analysis of the internal political situation.

Civil Society Organisations:

- § Vinizio Lopez, *Campesino* Workers Movement, MTC
- § Alfredo Che, Coordinating Body of *Campesino* and Indigenous Organisations of Petén, COCIP
- § Ana Gladis, National Human Rights Movement, MNDH
- § Syndicated Guatemalan Workers Union, UNSITRAGUA
- § Daniel Pascal, *Campesino* Unity Committee, CUC
- § Families of the Detained and Disappeared of Guatemala, FAMDEGUA
- § Orlando Blanco, Collective of Social Organisations, COS
- § Justo Mendoza, Coordinating Body of Indigenous and *Campesino* Organisations, CONIC
- § Juan Tiney, Coordinating Body of Indigenous and *Campesino* Organisations, CONIC
- § Carlos Belám, Coordinating Body of Indigenous and *Campesino* Organisations, CONIC
- § Ursula Roldán, Agrarian Platform
- § Rodolfo Kepfer, Association for the Advancement of Social Sciences in Guatemala, AVANCSO
- § Arnaldo Miranda, Technical Unity for Accompaniment, Relations and Consultation for the Social Movement of Guatemala, UTARA

International Organisations:

- § Martin Wolpold-Bosien, Foodfirst Information & Action Network, FIAN
- § Marta Híbero Dolla, Copenhagen Initiative for Central America and Mexico, CIFCA

§ Esteban Reyes, Coordinating Committee on International Accompaniment in Guatemala, ACOGUATE
§ Coordinating Body for International Accompaniment in Guatemala, CAIG
§ Forum of International Non-Governmental Organisations, FONGI

Courtesy visits were also paid to the following organisations:

§ Leiria Vay, Campesino Development Committee, CODECA
§ Centre for Human Rights Legal Action, CALDH
§ Association for the Advancement of Social Sciences in Guatemala, AVANCSO
§ Guatemalan National Counsel for Displaced Persons, CONDEG
§ Rights in Action
§ Organisation to support an Integrated Sexuality to confront AIDS, OASIS
§ Guatemalan Education Workers Union, STEG
§ United Union and Popular Action, UASP
§ ComunicArte

2.3 ACCOMPANIMENTS

Since the 13th of May we have accompanied Carlos Morales, leader of the **Union of Campesino Organisations for the Verapaces (UVOC)**. Throughout the last month, we accompanied him during his activities in Alta and Baja Verapaz.

Background: Carlos Morales, leader of UVOC, has been victim of death threats, acts of intimidation, and persecution by unknown individuals. Due to a serious increase of personal death threats at the end of April 2005, which led to a genuine fear of his life, Carlos Morales was forced into hiding in Guatemala City for a month, following which he requested 24 hour accompaniment from Peace Brigades. UVOC is a campesino organisation from the Verapaces (the departments of Alta and Baja Verapaz) and works principally on the theme of access to land for campesinos and to provide support in the process of legalisation of the communities' titles to land. UVOC also offers training for communities affiliated to UVOC and supports development projects within those communities.

We continue to carry out regular visits to the office of the **National Coordination of Residents of Marginal Areas in Guatemala, CONAPAMG**.

Background: CONAPAMG works on the question of access to housing and services and the legalisation of illegally occupied land. We've accompanied CONAPAMG since the 4th of July 2004, when their office was broken into and inventories, bills, computer discs and money were stolen. CONAPAMG's community leaders suffer from threats on a regular basis. In March of 2005 Miguel Zapeta González, resident and leader of the community "Esquipulas" in zone 21 of Guatemala City, was murdered. The communities of CONAPAMG are evicted frequently, and there are many more evictions are pending. PBI meets with Guatemalan authorities in the local zones where there are CONAPAMG communities.

We began accompanying **Eloyda Mejía**, Legal Representative of the **Association of Friends of Lake Izabal (ASALI)**, shortly after a forum on the future of the lake, which took place in El Estor on the 21st of February 2004, after which the threats against her worsened. We continue to accompany her in her activities in El Estor, Department of Izabal.

Background: Eloyda Mejía has suffered a number of threats as a result of her work to protect Lake Izabal, in the province of Izabal, East Guatemala, and due to her work to inform local residents of the possible damaging effects of the re-opening of the Guatemalan Nickel Company (subsidiary of Skye Resources INC, Canada) mining operation in the area.

We carried out regular visits to the offices of the **Madre Selva Collective** and had frequent contact with their members. During November we accompanied members during their activities in Sololá.

Background: Madre Selva is an environmental organisation which holds regular workshops on the negative impact of mega-projects and in particular those involving open caste mining and the installation

of hydroelectric power plants. Members of the organisation regularly receive threats because of their work. We have provided accompaniment to Madre Selva since June of 2004.

We have been accompanying the Union of Workers of the company “**Association of the Coffee Industry**”, and **other related Industries, SITINCA**. Since June of 2005 we have acted as international observers during various protests against the unfair dismissal of José Armando Palacios and the situation of workers in the INCASA factory in Guatemala City.

Background: In January of the 2004, three workers of the company's internal security decided to join the trade union. Since then the company has allegedly carried out anti-union activities, focused on José Armando Palacios, who was one of the three workers. On the 16 April, unknown armed individuals broke into the house of José Armando Palacios and threatened the life of his wife and their two children. They asked for Mr. Palacios, whom they wanted "to kill for being in the union." On the 6 of May, Mr. Palacios was dismissed without any explanation.

We continue to accompany the **Coordination of Widows of Guatemala (CONAVIGUA)**, periodically. During this month we carried out regular visits to their office, and accompanied them during an inspection of the site and the exhumation in the community of Parraxtut, Municipality of Sacapulas, Department of Quiché.

Background: CONAVIGUA continues to facilitate the process of exhumations and inhumations in various departments throughout Guatemala, largely in Quiché, Chimaltenango and the Verapaces as part of their efforts to recuperate the collective memory of Guatemala's recent history.

We accompany the **Union of Bocadeli Workers (SITRA Bocadeli)**, which is affiliated to the **Syndicated Guatemalan Workers Union (UNSI TRAGUA)**. During the month of November, after a legal judgement closed the factory and ordered the National Civil Police (PNC) to guard the factory to prevent the removal of vehicles and goods, the workers were able to stop their vigil in front of the factory.

Background: In August the Bocadeli Foods Prefabricated Products Distribution Centre in Mixco, Department of Guatemala, was shut down without any notice being given and without the workers being paid either their salaries or redundancy pay. Ever since the closure the workers have maintained a constant presence day and night in front of the factory to prevent the removal of goods or vehicles for sale before they receive the payments to which they are entitled. Meanwhile, various vehicles with darkened windows have been circling the workers in a threatening manner. As yet the Salvadorian owned Bocadeli has not responded to the Union initiative to open a dialogue over the dispute. UNSITRAGUA have brought the case before the International Labour Organisation.

We accompanied the **Indigenous Municipality of Sololá** and the **Mayan Foundation, FUNDAMAYA**. The Indigenous Mayoress of Sololá, **Dominga Vásquez** and **Carlos Guarquez** of FUNDAMAYA have received PBI accompaniment since January of 2005.

Background: On the 11th of January 2005 in the Department of Sololá, serious confrontations took place between the National Civil Police, supported by the Guatemalan Army, and the communities of Sololá who were protesting against the transportation of a cylinder (which was to be used for mining purposes) through their villages, leaving one person dead and over 30 injured. Following this, government authorities issued an arrest warrant against five community leaders and representatives of the Indigenous Municipality of Sololá, including the Indigenous Mayoress, Dominga Vásquez. The Indigenous Municipality is a non-governmental body representing indigenous communities in Sololá, and working to defend their rights – including the right to speak their own language and to practice their traditional ceremonies and customs – as well as to ensure the development of the communities. On 25 of March 2005, in the village of El Tablón, Sololá, the vehicle used by Carlos Humberto Guárquez, of FUNDAMAYA, was doused in petrol and set on fire by unknown individuals. Death threats specifically naming Carlos Guárquez, Dominga Vásquez and her husband, Alfonso Guárquez, were found scattered around the vehicle. Part of the threat stated: "For your stupid meddling in society, tomorrow will be the day of your disappearance from this world." As a result of this threat we decided to activate our Support Network, during the last days of March, April and the beginning of May. Dominga Vásquez has recently suffered intimidation and accusations that she is a violent extremist, for her opposition to the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) as well as proposed new mining operations.

2.4 OBSERVATIONS

November the 25th of November was the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and it was celebrated with a march from the Home Office to the Presidential Department for Women. There was also a vigil in the Parque Central with a “tapestry of life” and a candle was lit for every woman murdered this year. A wide range of representatives of civil society attended the event. PBI was present as International Observers.

2.5 FOLLOW-UPS

We have maintained contact with the **Centre for Human Rights Legal Action (CALDH)** through meetings with their Co-directors and visits to their office. In November we attended the event “Genocide, the Maximum Expression of Racism; 2nd Meeting against Genocide” organised by CALDH.

Background: On various occasions we have accompanied various members of the organisation which is constantly under threat. During the month of June, four members of the organisation were subject to attacks and acts of aggression. The organisation continues to receive threatening telephone calls and is under frequent surveillance.

We continue to maintain contact with members of the **Community of El Maguey**, affiliated with the **Campesino Unity Committee (CUC)** through frequent communication and occasional visits to their finca. Due to a new governmental agreement passed in October 2005 the community is threatened with the loss of their finca which was granted to them by the State in May 2004, due to the fact that the Home Office claims that the El Pavon prison is located on the land. The Home Office lays claims to the finca in which the prison is situated.

Background: After a violent eviction of the community by the army in April 2003 a Governmental Decree withdrawing the community’s right to the land was issued. This Decree was appealed before the Constitutional Court which, in May 2004, decided in favour of the community. The community has obtained expedient 1-61 which protects them from eviction or police intervention in the finca; however they continue waiting for the finalization of their title to the land.

3. ACTIVITIES OF PBI GUATEMALA: OUTSIDE OF GUATEMALA

The Project Coordination Office in Madrid, the Regional Representatives, and the other members of the committee, as well as the national groups of PBI, carry out public relation campaigns with multiple NGOs, national governments and agencies, parliamentarians and the like. These meetings result in the development and strengthening of the Project’s support network, an essential tool for the functioning of the Project’s international presence in Guatemala.

Tara Ward, the Project’s North America Representative, participated in a conference call on the 21st of November with the Co-directors of PBI-USA and the Coordinator of PBI Canada to coordinate, among other things, the lobbying of the PBI Guatemala Project in both countries.

Soledad Briones, from the European Office of PBI in Brussels (BEO) participated in the working group of the Belgian NGOs which work on Guatemala. This working group intends to take up the focus of the work of the CIFCA network in Belgium.

Kerstin Reemtsma, European Representative and Montse Garcia, Project Coordinator, have been in contact with PBI-UK, PBI-Sweden, PBI-Germany, PBI-France and PBI-Spain, to prepare a delegation of European entities to Guatemala in 2006.

4. PUBLICATIONS BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS (IN SPANISH)

In this section we publish several communiqués written by human rights organisations in which they express their preoccupations regarding the current state of affairs in Guatemala.

AL PUEBLO DE GUATEMALA Y A LA OPINIÓN INTERNACIONAL:

INFORMAMOS.

Derivado de la falta de voluntad política por parte de las instituciones de gobierno, Fondo de tierras y la Procuraduría General de la Nación al no realizar los tramites correspondientes para la entrega de las Fincas el Maguey y San Basilio, la primera ubicada en el municipio de Fraijanes Guatemala y la segunda en municipio de Rió Bravo Suchitepequez.

El día 15 de noviembre de 2005, a las 8:30 de la mañana, ocupamos pacíficamente las instalaciones donde se encuentra ubicada las oficinas de la Secretaria de Asuntos Agrarios, por mas de 600 persona de distintas comunidades del país para exigir a dichas instituciones gubernamentales la agilización de la entrega de dichos inmuebles ya que en los dos caso hay Acuerdos Gubernativos en la cual consta que las comunidades que las solicitan son los legítimos dueños.

Se inicia negociación, por la parte gubernamental estuvieron presentes:

Licenciada Mariel Aguilar, Secretaria de Asuntos Agrarios, Licenciada Ilse Alavares Viceministro de Gobernación, Licenciado Luis Felipe Polo Vicepresidencia de la Republica, Licenciado Carlos Avalos del Fondo de Tierras, Licenciado Roberto Molina Barreto Procurador General de Nación, Licenciada Maria Eugenia de Sierra como testigo de honor de la Procuraduría de los Derechos Humanos

Por el Comité de Unidad Campesina-CUC-

Daniel Pascual, Domingo López Lux, José Maria Peralta, Ramón Peralta, José Domingo Us y el Licenciado Romeo Monterrosa asesor jurídico del CUC.

1. Acuerdos alcanzados caso San Basilio, Rió Bravo Suchitepequez:

La Procuraduría General de la Nación se comprometió a realizar los tramites de adjudicación que a ellos les corresponde, haciendo entrega de los documentos el día treinta de noviembre de 2005, reuniéndose nuevamente con la junta directiva de la comunidad en mención el 1 de Diciembre de este año para afinar el proceso correspondiente.

2. Caso Finca El Maguey y las Camelias, Fraijanes Guatemala:

Luego de las consultas correspondientes entre las instituciones de Gobierno, se comprometieron a discutir como Gobierno la solución a esta problemática que se suscita entre la PGN y el Ministerio de Gobernación y presentar el día 22 de noviembre de 2005 a las 14 horas en la casa presidencial una propuesta de solución a dicha problemática, en las que estarán presentes los representantes correspondientes

3. Al final del acta los representantes dejaron sus firmas correspondientes para dar fe de lo acordado. Casa Presidencial Guatemala 15 de noviembre de 2005.

4. Llegado este acuerdo las comunidades que teníamos ocupadas las instalaciones de la Secretaria de Asuntos Agrarios se procedió a la desocupación.

5. Por lo que solicitamos a las organizaciones sindicales, populares y a la Comunidad Internacional su solidaridad y acompañamiento en este proceso.

COMITÉ DE UNIDAD CAMPESINA-CUC- MIEMBRO DE CNOC, CLOC Y LA VIA CAMPESINA.

16 de noviembre de 2005.

DECLARACIÓN FINAL

**CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL
SOBRE EL DERECHO A LA ALIMENTACIÓN, COMO RETO PARA
LA COOPERACIÓN INTERNACIONAL PARA GUATEMALA**

1. Los días 16, 17 y 18 de noviembre, 110 delegados y delegadas de 42 organizaciones campesinas, indígenas y de mujeres; organizaciones no gubernamentales, académicas, de derechos humanos y de desarrollo

guatemaltecas, europeas y de Canadá; así como representantes del Organismo Ejecutivo y Judicial y de la Procuraduría de Derechos Humanos; y de la Comisión Europea, nos reunimos en San Lucas Tolimán, como una muestra de solidaridad con la población damnificada por la tormenta Stan, ante la severa crisis alimentaria que enfrentan las comunidades de ésta y varias regiones del país, y la necesidad de analizar las causas de su vulnerabilidad económica, social y ambiental.

2. La Conferencia se propuso desarrollar un debate sobre las políticas e instituciones relacionadas con el derecho a la alimentación, el acceso y la seguridad sobre la tierra y el desarrollo rural, a la vez que evaluar la situación de los derechos humanos en el agro guatemalteco. Hemos analizado propuestas dirigidas tanto a las instancias nacionales como a la cooperación internacional para un apoyo más eficiente y efectivo al ejercicio de este derecho.
3. El hambre debe ser una preocupación central de todos los ciudadanos y ciudadanas del país, así como de la comunidad y la cooperación internacionales. El hambre es, en primer lugar, un problema de desigualdad, de exclusión social y de marginación, de concentración de la tierra y de la riqueza, perpetuado por un Estado racista, represivo y excluyente.
4. Ejercer el derecho a la alimentación es posible a partir de una reorientación del desarrollo nacional hacia un modelo de desarrollo rural que ponga al centro a las comunidades campesinas e indígenas, sujetos principales de la pequeña economía rural, y que reoriente las políticas del Estado hacia el fortalecimiento del acceso a bienes y activos productivos para la economía campesina.
5. Las organizaciones e instituciones firmantes afirmamos la necesidad de impulsar una Reforma Agraria Integral redistributiva, justa, culturalmente pertinente, sustentable, que restablezca la función social de la propiedad y considere los derechos de los pueblos indígenas a la tierra y el territorio.

(...)

Ante esta situación, recomendamos:

Al gobierno de Guatemala:

1. Definir el derecho a la alimentación y el combate a las causas estructurales del hambre como prioridad nacional.
2. Promover una política de Reforma Agraria Integral consensuada con la sociedad civil, redistributiva, justa, culturalmente pertinente, sustentable, con equidad de género y que asuma los derechos de los pueblos indígenas. Redefinir la institucionalidad agraria, suspender los desalojos y detener cualquier criminalización de la lucha campesina e indígena.
3. Fortalecer los espacios de diálogo con la sociedad civil, respetar los acuerdos alcanzados y hacerlos vinculantes con las políticas de desarrollo y las leyes correspondientes.

(...)

Reconocer la legitimidad de la labor de los defensores de los derechos humanos, asegurar su protección, así como investigar y proceder penalmente contra los responsables de los ataques señalados.

A la Cooperación Internacional:

1. Definir como prioridad de su política de cooperación con Guatemala el apoyo al derecho a la alimentación, la Reforma Agraria Integral y el desarrollo rural. En particular, proponemos a la Unión Europea, que en la futura estrategia de cooperación 2007-2013, el enfoque de economía rural contemple todos los aspectos contenidos en las conclusiones de esta conferencia.
2. Apoyar las iniciativas de la sociedad civil encaminadas a una efectiva protección de las defensoras y los defensores de los Derechos Humanos.
3. Apoyar los procesos de concertación con la sociedad civil en relación a la formulación e implementación de políticas referentes al derecho a la alimentación, acceso a la tierra y desarrollo rural.

(...)

Las Organizaciones e Instituciones firmantes nos comprometemos a:

1. Asumir como prioridad de nuestro trabajo el apoyo al derecho a la alimentación, la Reforma Agraria Integral y el desarrollo rural.
2. Reiteramos nuestro compromiso de contribuir a la transformación de las condiciones de vida de la población, potenciando la autodeterminación y sobre la base de relaciones cercanas y horizontales.

(...)

Mantener el esfuerzo para abrir y fortalecer espacios de diálogo con el Gobierno.

San Lucas Tolimán, 18 de noviembre 2005.

CNOC, Plataforma Agraria, MICSP, CNP-Tierra, Alianza de Mujeres Rurales, Fundación Guillermo Toriello, CONGCOOP, Mesa Global, REDSSAG, CIDSE-Centro América, FIAN, FONGI, CIFCA

5. PHOTOS



International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women



Accompanying CONAVIGUA during the exhumation in the community of Parraxtut, Sacapulas

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