



## CALL TO PERSONALITIES OF CIVIL SOCIETY

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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

On the 21 May 2014, the victims of Chevron Corporation in 4 continents launched a call to the international community to expose the impunity benefiting this transnational company which has intentionally caused an environmental disaster in the Ecuadorian Amazon and in other regions of the world. This year, we would like to extend our struggle to the whole international civilian society in order to lay the foundations of a real justice when facing the multinationals destroying our planet.

Knowing your commitment to human rights and justice, on behalf of the UDAPT - Union of the Affected by the oil activities of Texaco (now Chevron) in the Ecuadorian Amazon, we kindly ask your support to our call so that our 21 years spent fighting could be used to show that it is possible and necessary to resist, that together we will see justice done.

\$9.5 billion for environmental rehabilitation, that's the sentence against the multinational Chevron for the damages caused by its oil extraction activities in Ecuador, named the "Chernobyl of the Amazon". This environmental disaster, one of the worst in human history, has become the most emblematic case of fight against irresponsible corporations, due to the extent of the contamination, the duration of the trial, but particularly due to the fight of 30 000 peasants and indigenous people from Ecuador against one of the biggest multinational in the world.

We will fight you "until hell is covered with ice"; the awful threat made by Chevron has become reality. 21 years of legal process, 2000 jurists and experts, 60 lawyer's offices, the condemnation and pursuits against the victims and their defenders as a gang of criminals: Chevron's war against the indigenous people and peasants is without mercy. It is only with the help from civil society that the lawyers of the victims were enabled to fight in Argentina, Brazil and Canada. We have had the courage to bring our struggle to the International Criminal Court in The Hague to raise awareness among the international community. Meanwhile, in the Amazon, as in other places, Chevron's poison keeps spreading in soils and rivers, contaminating flora and fauna. Men, women and children still suffer and die because their environment has been polluted.

Today, we wish that the 21 May, the "antiChevron Day", becomes the symbol of the fight of all the victims of extractive multinationals. Our will is to gather our voices to face the practices of the extractive multinationals around the world, to face human rights abuses, to face the lack of respect of the rights of populations on their lands, to face the threat on future generations, in Ecuador as in the rest of the World.

We sincerely hope that you will join our initiative and support our call by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May



Your signature will be added to a list of personalities, for publication on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 and delivery to the Shareholders General Assembly of Chevron Corporation on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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