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Lima Agreement offers little protection to impacted people

(LIMA, Peru – 14 December 2014) – The Lima Agreement leaves the world on a path to 4 degrees warming or worse, and offers precious little protection to the rights of impacted people, but a strong movement for climate action creates real optimism heading towards Paris in 2015, said ActionAid, Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth Europe, Greenpeace, International Trade Union Confederation, Oxfam, and WWF.

COP20 in Peru did not deliver an adequate or equitable approach to coordinated global climate action to match the demands of science and the needs of people.

The increasing growth of renewable energy, shifting political will and the large scale mobilisation of concerned citizens everywhere provide rays of hope that the ground is shifting in favor of climate action - action that includes supporting the world to adapt to climate change that is already locked in. Half a million people taking the streets in September and Latin America's largest ever climate march here in Lima should be viewed harbinger of what's to come in 2015.

"Almost 20,000 people marched for real solutions and system change here in Lima, not for the deregulation of climate controls pushed by the politicians in the US Congress and the EU Commission who have been sent to protect the interests of fossil fuel companies instead of the rights of people. To borrow the mantra of local activists: they tried to bury us here in Lima, but we are seeds, and from seeds will grow a forest of resistance." **Susann Scherbarth, Climate Justice and Energy Programme, Friends of the Earth Europe.**

"Lima has not made it any easier to mobilise the level of climate action we so desperately need. The outcome can only be read as a call to action for people around the world. Governments will not deliver the required solutions unless more

people stand up to make our voices heard." **Celine Charveriat, Director of Advocacy and Campaigns, Oxfam.**

"Trade unions will not let up on any government that denies the centrality of securing a just transition with decent work opportunities for workers when building climate plans- nor will we sit back and watch governments sell out future generations with their lack of courage." **Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation.**

"This summit has been a huge missed opportunity. With so much momentum being carried into these talks following the huge climate marches around the world and the fossil fuel divestment campaign, governments had the opportunity to really launch us on a path to an ambitious global deal. Because of their sloppy work here they need to do much better before next year's Paris meeting." **Mohamed Adow, Senior Climate Change Advisor, Christian Aid.**

The gavel has come down in Lima and with it the expectations of millions of people who have publically demonstrated their desire for their governments to take immediate action on climate. Without urgent and more ambitious action, vulnerable communities and our natural world will bear the brunt of extreme climate impacts. **Samantha Smith, Leader, Global Climate and Energy Initiative.**

"While the crisis is deepening, the voice of people across the world is getting louder, and renewable energy is taking its place as the technology of the future. We leave Lima disappointed, but with a proposal supported by almost 50 countries to put an end to carbon pollution for ever. It is now up to civil society, progressive businesses and faith leaders, city mayors, scientists and young people around the world to say to politicians: end the age of fossil fuels, or we will leave you behind." **Martin Kaiser, Head of International Climate Politics, Greenpeace.**

"Yet again, these talks delivered basically nothing for the poor and vulnerable in developing countries. Rich countries are still failing to meet their obligations, even if they are making baby steps in the right direction. More exciting than the negotiations were the sheer number of impacted peoples marching in the streets in Lima and staging actions at the talks – the people who have the most to gain or lose from these talks. How long will governments continue to ignore people's demands?" **Harjeet Singh, ActionAid International.**

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