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Of my highest consideration

On behalf of **Climate Action Network Latin America (CANLA)**, a network of more than 68 civil society organizations working for environmental justice and sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, we are writing to express our deep concern over the recent statements made by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev, host of the upcoming COP29. During the Petersberg Climate Dialogue, held from 25 to 26 April in the city of Berlin (Germany), the president expressed that **he will defend his right to continue with investments and the production of fossil fuels.**

At CANLA, we believe that these statements contradict the commitments made at COP28 to limit the increase in global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius and move towards a just and equitable energy transition. In the context of the global climate crisis, this position is daunting.

It also raises serious concerns about the host country's commitment to a successful outcome of the COP29. The defense of investments in fossil fuels, which are the main cause of Climate Change, contradicts the principles of transparency and accountability that should govern this global Conference.

The science is clear, climate change is an existential threat to our planet and its inhabitants. Greenhouse gas emissions, mainly from the burning of fossil fuels such as oil and gas, are the main cause of global warming. Continuing to invest in these sectors will only accelerate the crisis, putting present and future generations at risk.

At COP28, the international community unanimously agreed to move towards a just and equitable energy transition. This commitment reflects the urgency of the situation and the need to act decisively to avert a catastrophic future. To this end, countries pledged to present new climate commitments before COP30, in 2025, and that must indicate a rapid shift away from fossil fuels.

We urge the COP29 presidency to promote substantial progress on financing, energy and just transition, for countries to increase their climate ambition and to make progress on adaptation goals, as well as in the allocation of resources to address Loss and Damage associated with the global climate emergency.

COP29 must provide confidence for leaders to continue to reaffirm their commitments to climate action and take bold action to protect our planet. We suggest you take this opportunity to lead the way towards a sustainable future for all.

From CAN Latin America we will be vigilant in the process that allows climate commitments to be fulfilled and ensure a better future for all.

Kind regards

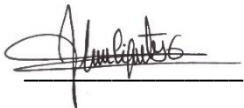
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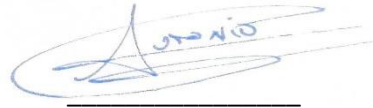
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