



KOREA DECLARATION

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Preamble

The future of life and justice is being seriously compromised as the climate crisis and inequality advance relentlessly.

Humanity is at a crossroads.

We, the Global Greens, reunited in Korea, reiterate our full commitment to work together to build a safe path to the future. A future where all forms of life are respected, where everyone has the right to be who they want to be and live the life every human being deserves, in balance with nature.

The Global Greens is four independent federations of Green political parties and movements established regionally in Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe. Our global organisation unites the ecological, climate and social justice causes, and upholds that unity in diversity is our unique opportunity to defend participatory democracy and bring the

changes needed to tackle the polycrises humanity faces.

We must not stand by, but act strongly and swiftly.

The COVID-19 pandemic revealed the deep inequities in our world, and demonstrated how quickly change can happen when political will is activated.

Democracy is under attack in every region of the world. Globally, democracy has been in decline since 2006, resulting in one fourth of the world's population living in a closed autocracy and further almost half living in an electoral autocracy.

Human rights violations, gender and sex discrimination are increasing, resulting in the rise of oppressive laws, decisions and developments, and concurrent threats to Indigenous, cultural and ethnic diversity.

More conflicts around the world are creating record numbers of refugees and displaced persons. Climate change and biodiversity loss are rapidly accelerating, whilst globally, the pace of national and



international climate action is failing to meet these polycrises.

Therefore, we the Global Greens, stand united in our commitment to strive for a sustainable and just world. With a shared vision and a common purpose, we advocate for urgent actions on the climate crisis, biodiversity conservation, social justice, peace, and democracy.

Collectively we reclaim all rights to ensure that young people and future generations will inherit the very best that we can bequeath them. This is our responsibility.

Global Greens stand united in:

Climate crisis

- ✓ Recognizing the short window for change, and the existential threat posed by the climate crisis, we emphasise the need for immediate and ambitious action to mitigate its impacts and adapt to changing conditions.
- ✓ Supporting the urgent transition to a low-carbon, circular and resilient economy, promoting less energy and

resource consumption, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and a just transition.

- ✓ Recognising that those least responsible for the climate crises are bearing the biggest impacts, and that this will increase conflicts and displaced persons and refugees.
- ✓ Calling for international cooperation and collaboration to implement effective climate policies, ensuring that all nations contribute their fair share to combat climate change with shared but differentiated responsibilities.
- ✓ Advocating for the protection and preservation of ecosystems and natural resources as vital tools in climate mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Biodiversity

- ✓ Recognising that nature and biodiversity are the foundations of our world and we inherently rely on them for lives, livelihoods, health and homes, and that the climate crises and



biodiversity crises are indelibly interlinked.

- ✓ Calling for the legal recognition of Ecocide and the legal rights of nature, and effective frameworks to regulate and protect nature and biodiversity, and that these laws provide effective political opportunity to swiftly support climate and ecological goals.
- ✓ Advocating for the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, promoting biodiversity-friendly farming methods that preserve soil health, protect pollinators, and reduce the use of harmful chemicals.
- ✓ Calling for the establishment and effective management of protected areas, both on land and in the oceans, to safeguard biodiversity and preserve fragile ecosystems.
- ✓ Supporting initiatives that promote the equitable sharing of benefits derived from genetic resources, respecting the rights and knowledge of indigenous peoples and local communities.

Social Justice

- ✓ Affirming that social justice is inseparable from environmental sustainability, and we strive for a world where no one is left behind.
- ✓ Advocating for fair, equitable and sustainable access to resources, opportunities, and basic services, including clean water, education, food, healthcare, and housing.
- ✓ Standing against all forms of discrimination, promoting gender equality, LGBTQIA+ rights, youth, cultural and ethnic diversity, and inclusivity in all aspects of society.
- ✓ Supporting the empowerment of marginalised communities, including indigenous peoples and traditional knowledge holders, ensuring their meaningful participation in decision-making processes.

Peace and security

- ✓ Believing in an inclusive concept of human security based on multilateralism, international justice,



rule of law and the protection of human rights.

- ✓ Recognizing that peace and security are a prerequisite for sustainable development and decent livelihoods for all, we support non-violent, feminist intersectional approaches to conflict resolution wherever possible and the promotion of dialogue, cooperation, and diplomacy.
- ✓ Emphasising the importance of environmental peacebuilding, recognizing the interconnections between environmental degradation, resource scarcity, and conflict.
- ✓ Rejecting the use of military means to change borders or to deprive a people of their freedom.
- ✓ Reaffirming the right to self-determination, the rights of indigenous peoples, territorial integrity of sovereign states and the right to self-defence.
- ✓ Reiterating our support for nuclear disarmament and our efforts to campaign for a world free from nuclear weapons.

- ✓ Condemning in the strongest possible terms human rights violations, genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes, and supporting international independent investigations efforts such as through the ICC.

Democracy

- ✓ Upholding the principles of participatory democracy, transparency, and accountability, advocating for inclusive and responsive governance based on fundamental rights and rule of law at all levels, as the basis for a dignified life in equality, ensuring climate and social justice for all.
- ✓ Supporting efforts to combat corruption, promote freedom of expression, ensure access to information, enabling informed public discourse and other basic civic rights.
- ✓ Committing to fight for a thriving civil society including meaningful citizen engagement, and defending NGOs, human rights and environmental defenders, indigenous peoples, independent journalists, academics and scientists.



- ✓ Insisting that barriers to women and diverse gender participation in politics be removed and equal participation in all facets of political life be promoted and advanced.
- ✓ Encouraging the active involvement of young people as well as marginalised groups in decision-making processes, recognizing the necessity of a breadth of perspectives and inclusive democracy, to drive positive change.

In unity and solidarity, we Global Greens commit to working together, across borders and political boundaries, to address the polycrises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and attacks on social justice, peace, and democracy.

In line with the latest science, swift action before 2030 is critical to tackle these interrelated crises.

Time is of the essence.

As a united international movement, we Global Greens are catalysts for change. Through collective action, partnership, strong vision, and a shared commitment to sustainability, a better world can be built for present and future generations.

This is our responsibility and our collective call for immediate action.

