

Letter delivered at the US Embassy in Madrid (26/11/08)

Dear Mr Obama, New President of the United States

First of all, we would like to congratulate you on your triumph in the presidential elections. You should be ready for the great challenge ahead of you right now. We hope that the change in presidency will mean changes in many of its policies.

We are here to demand a real commitment to the Environment. This time the United States cannot shirk its responsibilities regarding Climate Change. It is no longer sufficient to close ones eyes and hide under denial theories or excuses of any type... Climate Change is evident to the scientists and also to the citizens. The planet is warming. Now is the time to confront it. We hope you keep your promises. Will you support a new just and fair agreement for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions that are obligatory and measurable?

The United States is one of the leading polluting countries in the world. It must contribute solutions, but not just of any type: they must be effective solutions. The use of nuclear energy and biofuels will not resolve the problem. They are neither viable nor ethical solutions.

It is no use looking for excuses or to say that this is not the right moment. We are not just facing an economic crisis, but also an ecological crisis of unprecedented proportions. The solutions to both global crises go hand in hand, internalizing ecological costs, supporting energy conservation and the use of renewable energy. Now is the time to do it.

President Obama, we ask you to renew this pending commitment of your country. We demand responsibility and real involvement.

We must act against climate change!

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