

**BUILDING ALTERNATIVES:
VYTVÁŘÍME ALTERNATIVY:
2ND CONGRESS OF THE  EuropeanLEFT
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ADOPTED MOTION

Supporting the recognition of ecological debt and post-petroleum economy in Ecuador

The 2nd Congress of the Party of the European Left,

Considering that climate change represents a major threat to the environment, peace and human survival and urgent action is needed to develop a global program to phase out use of fossil fuels and to support small-scale renewable energy sources

Acknowledging the need to develop a Post-Kyoto process based on climate justice and the recognition of the concept and principles of ecological debt, when assessing the common and differentiated responsibilities of countries in the North and the Global South

Welcoming the political process set up in Ecuador with the election of Rafael Correa and with the upcoming Constitutional Assembly that will convene at the end of November to draft a new Constitution

Expresses support to the proposal launched by the Ecuadorian government and a network of environmental groups and social movements to keep oil underground (the so-called ITT-Yasuni initiative)

Notes that this proposal would involve the commitment of the Ecuadorian government not to exploit 1 billion barrels of oil in the Yasuni Park, in order to protect biodiversity, completely unspoiled indigenous (Ishpingo- tambococha-tibutini) peoples' rights to their livelihoods, and prevent the emission of Carbon Dioxide in the atmosphere, thereby contributing to the protection of this global commons

Recognizes the need for the global community to provide adequate compensation to the Ecuadorian government for its commitment to pursue a post-petroleum development path, including an International Fund to support social, environmental and alternative energy programs in the country

Urges European government to provide support to the Ecuadorian government proposal by means of development aid contributions, or bilateral debt conversions, following the steps taken by the governments of Italy, Norway and Spain.