

Resolution on Climate Change, Environmental Justice and Peace

The 31st Triennial Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, meeting 22-24 April 2015 in The Hague, the Netherlands:

Expresses alarm that anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions are the highest in history, the atmosphere and oceans have warmed, snow and ice cover have diminished, sea levels have risen;

Expresses further alarm by the lack of action in the second half of this critical decade to avert catastrophic climate change that will have severe, pervasive, and irreversible impacts on agriculture, food security, fresh water, human health, and the ecosystems on which all life depends;

Recognises that clean water is a precious resource and a fundamental human right, which needs to be protected and freely available to all;

Recognises that climate change has a disproportionate effect on the poor, women, Indigenous peoples, coastal and small island communities, such as those in the Pacific, including Takuu, Kiribati and Tuvalu;

Also recognise that military production, consumption, exercises and war are intensive greenhouse gas emitting accelerators of climate change and extreme weather events;

Calls for governments to urgently commit to ambitious targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions towards zero carbon economies;

Calls for all organisations to divest from fossil fuel investments;

Calls for climate refugee status to be recognised in International Law;

Demands the participation of women experts and representatives of impacted communities in climate mitigation and adaptation policy negotiations at the December 2015 Conference of Parties in Paris that will set a new global framework for combatting climate change;

Calls for the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Climate Change.