"We the undersigned acknowledge with concern that climate change through enhanced global warming is a real and growing threat and is caused by the emissions of long-lived greenhouse gases from human activities.

"The IPCC advises that to stabilise atmospheric concentrations requires a reduction of emissions to less than 40% of current levels.

"On average each person in the world contributes 1.65 metric tonnes of carbon and equivalents each year. 40% of this figure i.e. 0.66 MTCE thus represents each individual's output threshold to forcing future climate change.

"Currently (1990) 53% of the people in the world produce greenhouse gas emissions at or below this threshold figure, and their emissions contribute only 90% of the non-forcing total. They therefore provide the equivalent of a 10% "credit" (subsidy) which is taken up by the rest of the world.

"This inequity is particularly unacceptable at a time when the majority of people are struggling to meet basic human needs. It is also unacceptable as the forcing emissions total is derived largely from unsustainable, luxury-based activities in countries one of whose governments has still refused even the principle of setting targets for CO2 stabilization let alone reduction.

"We believe that all people present and future, should have rights-to-life and sustainable livelihoods which are free from the threat and the reality of human-induced climate disruption.

"We stress that the responsibility for taking corrective action and reducing bad practice lies with those who created and who continue to exacerbate this global crisis. We demand that their response should be immediate and without prevarication, and should take special action over this issue of social inequity."

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