



**OIL HEARING  
Bogotá 2 to 4 August 2007**

*"The TPP gathers the plea of the victims to not be alone, and gathers the cry of indignation of the witness who has said 'this will not go unpunished'"*

*"Crimes against Humanity must never remain in impunity!"*

Dear friends, we send you warm greetings from the Operative Committee of the Permanent Peoples' Tribunal (TPP) Colombia Session.

In April of 2006 we began the process of trying transnational companies for their involvement in the violation of human rights in Colombia. This process occurs through the presentation of typical cases, which demonstrate the way in which the Colombian state has aided and facilitated these companies in exploiting our natural resources, committing crimes and permanently violating the rights of the population and their organizations.

To date, the hearings on food and agriculture, mining and biodiversity have been held, and we have submitted to the judges of the TPP the accusations, evidence and testimonies of dozens of women and men who have been profoundly affected by the policies of transnational corporations. These are the requisites that will allow the Court to give their final verdict in the deliberative session in July 2008.

Continuing with this process in the fight against impunity, we will hold in Bogota the OIL HEARING on the 2, 3 and 4 of August of 2007. The transnational companies OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM (OXY), REPSOL, and BRITISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION (BP) will be accused, as well as the Colombian state for having promoted and facilitated the handover of our natural resources at the cost of the suffering, the tragedy and the misery of a whole people.

On the 2nd of August, we will hold the Political-Cultural Act in commemoration of the Third Anniversary of the assassination of three social leaders from Arauca (Alirio Martínez, Leonel Goyeneche y Jorge Prieto) by the hands of the national army. On the 3rd and 4th, the TPP hearing will be in session, with the participation of hundreds of delegates coming from various regions throughout Colombia and from around the world.

We invite you all to accompany us in this great journey for truth, justice, and integral reparation, and for the restoring of our historical memory.

A warm hug,

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