

# **A call for mobilization against the G7 summit and its world**

## **The G7 what's that?**

In a G7 summit, the 7 Western economic powers (United States, Japan, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Canada) meet. It establishes a hierarchy between countries, distinguishes those who are powerful, ideologically aligned, and rejects those who are not. From the beginning, the G7 has been questioned for its lack of legitimacy. By supporting free trade, deregulation and fiscal austerity, the G7 countries have contributed to a reality where social inequalities are growing steadily and have reached a level which has never been seen in nearly a hundred years.

The summits of the G7 represent the domination of the main Western powers, they are used to reach the most favourable compromises for the benefit of capitalism. Within the framework of these compromises will be decided the economic and financial policies that will be imposed on the peoples of the world.

The next summit will also have a specific feature: it will take place in the Basque Country, in a territory where resistance to capitalistic exploitation, to imperialistic sexually straight and patriarchal oppression as well as solidarity and a will to build another world are deeply rooted and very much alive.

## **The world of G7**

The goal of the G7 summits has been for a long time to seal up the successive crises of capitalism at best by imposing on the world a neoliberal straitjacket. It is now a matter for the participants to save the system from the consequences of the policies they have adopted for more than forty years. However, the efficiency they claim is undermined by international instability, the multiple entangled crises, the powers of capitalistic interests and the measures adopted that never treat the root of evil. These summits organized at great expense (500 million dollars in 2018) are reduced to communication operations.

The state of the world symbolized by the G7 is profoundly dead today. Its harmful aspects are obvious and indisputable:

- climate deregulation,
- environmental poisoning and reduction of biodiversity,
- increasing inequalities between countries and social classes within each and every part of them,
- imperialistic wars, stoked up conflicts and poverty for millions of people,
- forced migration and tightly closed rich countries,
- growing authoritarianism, religious fundamentalism and racist ideas.
- Increase of gender violence fed by new-liberal policies.
- Dispossession of citizens, peoples, territories' rights by all-powerful transnational companies.

Much of Humanity is deprived of the basic rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. People are still denied existence or violently oppressed and their right to self-determination, always denied, including in the heart of Europe. Even within the G7 countries, austerity policies lead to a decline in living and working conditions.

We are in a situation of multidimensional systemic crisis: social, political, environmental, geopolitical... bringing into play the conditions of life on earth.

## **What themes will be highlighted in 2019?**

Every year, in an effort to respond to critics of its illegitimacy, the G7 members have highlighted topical issues and invited actors from the civil society to debate. The reality is that the G7 has never fulfilled its commitments. Its final declarations are a list of good intentions, wishful thinking so to speak, never followed by concrete or binding measures: development aid (in Scotland in 2005) or tax havens (in 2013 in Ireland), or even refugees' rights (Italy 2017) examples are numerous.

## **The G7 meeting for the territory concerned**

The G7 meeting on this concerned territory finally implies an important limitation on public liberty of movement or on the right to protest. It imposes a real state of siege and a choking police occupation (a number of 15.000 soldiers and policemen has been announced).

Why should we accept all this without reacting?

As for the usefulness of the G7, no one believes in it any more, no one wants it any more. It is a waste of public money and the best solution is a pure and simple disbanding of the G7.

## **From the Basque country too build a new world.**

We will join forces against the G7 in August 2019 in the Basque Country because the world it embodies must change deeply and urgently. Building another world is possible and urgent. And from the Basque country, we must also take part in it. Here too joining forces and sharing projects so as to change our model have multiplied: to stop climatic changes, in favour of freedom, of movement, for the protection of the interests of workers against gender domination, for the cultural and linguistic diversity, against war and in favour of peace. That's why while we refuse this G7 summit, we intend to reinforce our struggle for a social change.

We will join forces to defend and build other models, open new avenues for a world where social justice, solidarity and equality are highly required realities. A world which has already got down to work in struggles around the world for:

- breaking with the capitalistic logic of endless accumulation by the exploitation of human beings and nature.
- the end of patriarchal hierarchy and of gendered division of work.
- determined actions against climate change and in favour of life respecting and preserving ecosystems
- A world based on solidarity between peoples , anti-imperialism, and internationalism, demilitarized international relationships;
- the power to decide democratically the organization of common life.
- A right to self-determination for all peoples
- A defence of cultural and linguistic diversity
- real gender equality, real equality for populations subject to racism, and for all peoples

We invite all organizations who agree on this call to join the platform. We call all people from here or anywhere who share this vision to join, so as to gather as many forces as possible during the G7 in August 2019 in Biarritz.

**G7 EZ!**

Basque Country Platform  
No to the G7, for another world