

Open letter to the participants of the 24th UN Climate Change Conference held in Katowice

Dear National Representatives participating in the COP24!

1. Since the most efficient climate protection strategy is the enforcement of the basic human right of contraception (UN 1968) (by providing schooling for girls, and securing access to the competence and tools of contraception – see: drawdown.org)

- and since without this, almost half of the pregnancies is unintended by the couples, resulting in a tragic start of the life of about 100,000 children daily against the will of their mother,

- and since the population explosion is the main reason behind the global environmental crisis,

- furthermore, since supporting contraception is by far the most effective means of charity, and the key to rising from poverty and to gender equality, as well as being an effective mitigator of violent conflicts,

we ask you to spend at least 20% of the Official Development Assistance aimed to help poor countries internationally on the points 3.7 and 5.6 of the Sustainable Development Goals; in other words, to finally make the competence and tools of contraception available worldwide.

As the justification of point 5/b of the Millennium Development Goals, the UN General Convention already stated in 2005 that "The lack of capability of family planning undermines the achievement of all the other goals".

2. Since carbon footprint is the greatest part of the ecological footprint, accounting for 60%, please introduce the compulsory label of "non carbon neutral" for products, services and companies, similarly to the practice where companies under liquidation have to indicate this fact, or when the packets of cigarettes have to feature the caption „bad for health” in some countries.

Meanwhile, please support the global spread of certified carbon neutral products, services and companies, and the importance of indicating that feature.

3. The time has come to introduce the definition of climate crime in international law (and, as a consequence, in the statutes of states), and also to establish legal consequences for it.

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