

Partnership for Global Justice: February Alert II, 2012

At the United Nations this past week, the official process is well underway preparing for RIO+20 in June 2012, (the first Earth Summit was in Rio 1992). The official Zero Document for adoption by Member States is in preparation but it lacks the ethical framework offered by the Earth Charter.

It seems appropriate to be active in order to ensure an ethical dimension in the negotiations to adapt to and mitigate Climate Change. As Americans we have the grassroots power to urge our US Government to take a leadership role in Sustainable Development.

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Sample letter

Dear Sir/Madam:

I write with great concern that the US Government should take bold steps to assure that an ethical framework is included in the Zero Document for Rio+20. This is a unique opportunity to realize the vision of a just, sustainable and peaceful future for the community of life on Earth, our common home.

The Zero Draft should affirm the need for a shared vision and common ethical framework to inspire and guide actions towards sustainable development among all stakeholders across sectors. It should also Corporate Sustainability Responsibility Convention, Millennium Consumption Goals, and a mandate of trusteeship for global common goods on behalf all peoples, the greater community of life, and future generations.

Despite 25 years of efforts to make development sustainable, we are making insufficient progress toward a just, sustainable and peaceful future for all.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Further Resources:

www.uncsd2012.org/rio20

www.huffingtonpost.com/kelly-rigg

www.earthsummit2012.org