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Your Excellencies,

Faced with the fundamental challenges of the **Climate crisis and biodiversity loss, deepening inequalities and growing authoritarianism**, we must transform how we live our lives. How we govern our countries and how we live with our environments.

On behalf of the Asia Europe People's Forum we share key recommendations articulated in our **People's Agenda** and our **People's Charter for Parliamentarians**.

Towards **Climate Justice, Just Transition** and meeting the Paris goal of keeping global temperature rise to below 1.5 degrees Celsius and empowering people to deal with the fast escalating impacts of climate change, we urge all governments to ensure core commitments to become realities by 2025 including:-

- The end of all public financing of fossil fuel industries and major progress in the equitable, fair and swift phase out of fossil fuel production and consumption.  
and
- Delivery by European and all developed country governments of their full obligations to provide climate finance for all developing countries in Asia and worldwide.

The first step in our response to Growing Inequality is to call on all governments to support the TRIPS waiver proposed by India and South Africa at the WTO next week. This is essential to overcoming the Covid pandemic fairly across the world.

More broadly, ensuring **Social Justice for All**, depends on global tax reform, including:

- The establishment of a democratic global tax body under the auspices of the UN to address the problem of illicit financial flows,
- And taking urgent action to stop tax avoidance by multinational corporations.

In response to growing authoritarianism and discrimination we must strengthen our commitments to:

- Freedom of Expression, Organisation, Association and an Independent Media, as well as
- Condemning attacks on Defenders of Human Rights.

Following a 10-Country Report presented to a UN Special Rapporteur at AEPF13 we reaffirmed that the **Right to Dissent** must be at the heart of our democracies.

Please, hear and respond to our voices for a more just, equal, inclusive and environmentally respectful Asia and Europe.

NOW is the time for us all to join together for profound change and action.

We present this summary on behalf of all participants in AEPF13 and our colleague Sombath Somphone who co-organised AEPF9 in Laos and was then enforced disappeared.

A sincere, thank you to each of your Excellencies.