

Alliance for the Earth's statement

We **must** no longer look away, the diagnosis **made by** the scientific community is clear: the environmental situation of the earth is disastrous and damages inflicted to it affect first and **foremost the earth's poor** people. It appears that the most urgent **action needed** is to undertake lucid and courageous measures in order to ensure the survival of our planet and of the living species, including our own human species.

We, Non Governmental Organizations, **have been** active for decades attempting to stop the destructive process. Real and appreciable results and victories have been obtained; nevertheless, **we have attained** our efficiency limit: political and economical systems are not giving **the kind of** proper ecological answers that citizens are waiting for.

We do have the opportunity and also the duty to **meet** together for a more efficient action, facing the powerful economical lobbies, particularly the multinational **corporations**, as well **the** apathy of the political sphere and others institutions **have** too often agreed to sacrifice our future against short term minded interests.

Together, we represent strength **of citizens** who will be able to reverse the trend, to invent and build a new form of power and another future **as well**.

« **To become** united, we must accept our differences », said Teilhard de Chardin. L'Alliance for the Earth allows us to know each other through our special features , our differences, our ideals and our common goals, allowing us to act together in concrete terms, to move **forward** towards vital struggles we **must** win.

The main **job** of the L'Alliance for the Earth lies in action, each NGO is maintaining its identity and its own strategy. The L'Alliance for the Earth is not a melting of different associations: it is a springboard for proposals and initiatives, having a task to give more power, more echoes and more efficiency for working out **solutions**.

The Alliance is **watching over and** very clearly applying the Environment Charter: it is **becoming** an efficient actor about **the** citizens' life, **because it is** totally independent of political parties.

At the Alliance, our organization is flexible, creative and democratic.

- Members are environmental associations, but also **concerned with administering the law or** social, humanitarian and scientific associations, also associations concerning consumers, farmers, trade unions, etc... **Associations excluded include:** governmental organizations, enterprises and companies, **along with** political parties.
- General orientations are defined according to a participative form of management, through an executive committee.
- Actions **of concern by** the Alliance are chosen according to their symbolic **impact**, their degree of urgency, their **potential** synergies and positively strong results.
- Each association is free to support or not any particular action.
- Implementation of different **actions is on a** voluntary basis by one or more leading associations with the support of the other ones.

We have strong hope! Let us act together, let us take action quickly for a peaceful mankind, to show solidarity, in harmony with Nature.