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The serious situation that the peoples are facing in all countries and regions requires real and effective solutions to global challenges such as climate change, environmental degradation, the international financial crisis, the weakening of democracy and conflicts, aspects that represent severe impediments to progress towards the strengthening of peace.

With the deepening of social, environmental, and economic inequalities, setbacks are being generated in terms of human rights such as water, food, housing and decent work, and in the current context in the region, with the reduction of civic space, which threatens citizens' freedoms and their legitimate right to participate in public affairs.

In this sense, organizations and social movements of women, youth, people with disabilities and indigenous peoples from different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, we have joined together to amplify these voices and to call to honor the fulfillment of international commitments established by the Agenda 2030, with the firm purpose of leaving no one behind in the context of the multiple crises we are experiencing as humanity.

In the framework of the Global Week of Action for the SDGs, we held the 3rd Global People's Assembly, so as the assembled members of GCAP Latin America and the Caribbean, we urge States to:

- Address the systemic and structural issues that have led people to live in conditions of impoverishment and inequality, correcting the historical injustices that have denied the full and effective realization of their human rights.
- Promote prompt ratification of or accession to the Escazú Agreement, creating conditions and capacities for its effective implementation and adopting measures to protect environmental, water and land defenders.
- Adopt strong actions with a sense of urgency to keep the global temperature increase below 1.5°C, promoting measures to ensure the resilience of the territories and communities and eradicating fossil fuel subsidies.
- Adopt transparent and inclusive mechanisms for monitoring and accountability on the SDGs, ensuring citizen participation as the primary means of implementation throughout the public policy cycle.
- Diversify the energy matrix and transform production and consumption patterns to move towards the creation of sustainable societies for global responsibility.
- End land speculation and land grabbing generated by megaprojects, monocultures, and extractive industries, which cause forced displacement and violate the collective rights of indigenous peoples.
- Promote effective management instruments to comply with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement, which actively promote self-determination, the right to consultation and Free, Prior and Informed Consent, recognizing the contributions of people and communities, as well as their knowledge, ancestral and traditional knowledge and practices for territorial social governance
- Promote international, South-South, and triangular cooperation schemes that allow the full development of peoples and nations, as well as the mobilization of internal and external resources to provide effective responses to ensure the health and well-being of peoples and nature.