

# DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON THE WORLD!

The Greens call on people to join the international demonstration on 2 June 2007

We want to make globalisation fair.

We do not want fewer and fewer people to amass more and more of the world's wealth for themselves while in poorer regions of the world people are dying of hunger, do not have enough water, have no access to education and are in other ways excluded. Shaping globalisation is a matter for us all because what we do has repercussions for the lives of others.

This year Germany holds the Presidency of the Group of Eight (G8). The heads of state and government of the world's seven leading industrialised countries and Russia are meeting in Heiligendamm near Rostock at the beginning of June to take decisions which will affect the whole world.

Ahead of the international demonstration to be held in Rostock on 2 June, we wish to voice our criticisms of the G8 and the way they perceive themselves, and our demands with respect to their policies:

- The G8 represent only 13 per cent of the world's population yet they make decisions which affect the whole world. We seek alternatives to the G8 which allow broad involvement and participation in decisions and we support the reform and strengthening of the United Nations.
- The world's worst climate sinners sit at the G8 table. We call on the participating countries at the G8 summit to undertake jointly to do everything possible to ensure that global warming does not exceed two degrees Celsius and to set in motion a successor to the Kyoto Agreement. After all, we have only around 15 years left in which to do what is necessary to avert the worst consequences of global climate change.
- Climate change, wars and natural disasters are forcing ever greater numbers of people to flee their homes. The countries of the G8 must not react to this by sealing themselves off. Women and children are particularly affected and therefore need greater protection.
- The loss of biodiversity is gathering pace alarmingly. We call for the establishment of a global network of protected areas. Protection of the rainforests, too, must continue to be given the highest priority, not least for reasons of climate protection.

- Environmental and social standards in world trade are central political elements in the shaping of fair globalisation. We need standards which are set in collaboration with newly industrialising and developing countries and which advance the protection of human rights around the world.
- We call for the regulation, oversight and transparency of hedge funds and for deeper, more transparent international cooperation on questions relating to currency and financial markets.
- The Millennium Development Goals must be achieved by 2015. This includes the promotion of gender equality. The G8 states must keep their promise to alleviate poverty and increase development aid to 0.7 per cent of GDP by 2015. Additional funds for implementing the Millennium Development Goals could be mobilised by introducing a currency transaction tax, a flight ticket levy or kerosene tax.
- Access to clean water is a human right. We demand that the G8 accept access to clean water for all people as a central goal.
- We call on the G8 to make good their commitment to fighting HIV/Aids and to close the funding gaps – including with respect to containing malaria and tuberculosis.
- We call on the G8 states to initiate a dialogue between equals with Africa in order to strengthen the political forces and forces within civil society which are committed to democracy, human rights and good governance, as well as ecological and social standards.
- The G8 states have the highest military spending, the biggest arsenals and the highest level of nuclear and arms exports in the world. They must introduce a resolute disarmament policy and expand civil crisis prevention.

We don't want a summit of fine words, we want concrete actions!

**Don't turn your back on the world!**

We call on people to come to Rostock on 2 June 2007 to demonstrate in support of climate protection, disarmament and fairer globalisation. In a colourful, creative and peaceful protest we, together with demonstrators from around the world, want to make sure the countries of the G8 listen to our demands.