



## **Manifiesto Campesino Strike**

The agrarian debt of the previous government, together with the historic crisis the campesino sector is now facing in Ecuador, have become unsustainable. Now, we campesinos are raising our voices in protest against the diverse problems plaguing this sector, including the low prices of campesino goods due to the illegal introduction of genetically modified products into Ecuador and the disastrous state of access routes to rural areas, among other issues. The national government has granted \$1.3 billion to the Ministry of Agriculture for the National Agriculture Task Force, which could easily line the pockets of large landowners and agro-industrialists throughout the country. The wide disapproval towards these measures has been clearly expressed by the countless demonstrations and actions taken by the campesino members of various organisations throughout the different provinces of the country. These issues have forced us to build a common agenda of resistance and struggle for a true Agrarian Reform, and for Food Sovereignty.

### **As part of this common agenda, we demand:**

- *The end of the unjust commercialisation of farm products*
- *The repeal of the Law of Seeds, which the previous president used to allow the unconstitutional introduction of genetically-modified seeds into the country*
- *Accessible rural roadways, particularly to the poorest campesino areas*
- *A meaningful accord with Campesino Social Insurance that promotes organisational development*
- *That rural transport in campesino vans, which has been prohibited by traffic law, be reinstated*
- *The halt of mining activities that threaten food-producing territories and families*
- *That million-dollar subsidies to toxic agro-chemicals instead be spent on promoting healthy production without pesticides*
- *Among other issues relevant to the campesino sector*

As we first mentioned months ago, we are calling for a **CAMPESINO STRIKE for the day of the 20th of December 2017**, with the goal of finally being heard with respect by this new government, in order to redirect national policy in favour of the most vulnerable sectors of the country, such as campesino smallholders.

The National Campesino Movement is forming like a baby in its mother's womb – sooner or later it will come to life. The long-silenced voice of the campesinos will once again be heard, and this time it will be louder than ever before.

Together in resistance,

**National Directorate**  
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