## THE TRANSITION IS NOW!

The huge amount of money which is being invested into exploration and exploitation of offshore oil and gas should be used to finance the transition toward alternative energiesand the reconversion of workers from the fossil fuels industry. They should finance reconversion training as well as energy conservation programs (improve home energy performance, generalize car-pooling and eco-friendly transportation, reshoring of manufacturing, transitioning industrial agriculture toward sustainableorganic and locally grown agriculture...) and the development of renewable energies. Thousands of climate jobs can thus be created. This reconversion needs to be initiated as soon as possible if we want to prevent social and human suffering which we are already witnessing, due to lack of anticipation.

Finally, we demand that oceans, our common good, be protected and that the international community bans offshore exploration and drilling of oil and gas.



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## FREE THE OCEAN!

Most of the oxygen we are breathing comes from the ocean. As the main climate regulator, the ocean is our best buffer against global warming. (...) We need to take great care of this blue lung, because it is vital for humanity.

Far away from our eyes, the global race for resources and fossil fuels becomes more intense at sea. Oil, gas, and mining industries drill deeper and deeper, into the abyss, the cradle of life on Earth. Today, one third of global hydrocarbon production happens offshore (=extracted from the depth of the sea). (...) We believe that the ocean, water, air and the totality of Commons cannot be privatised.

The ocean is neither public nor private, it is vital for humanity.

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## MCEDD = SERIAL CLIMATE KILLERS:

From Tuesday 5th until Thursday 7th of April 2016, the MCE Deepwater Development Summit will take place in Pau, with the aim of bringing together strategic decision-makers within the deepwater oil and gas market. Hosted by Total, leaders from Shell, Exxon, Repsol, BP, Total etc. as well as different deepwater oil and gas operators specialised in exploration, drilling or exploitation will meet. The announced objective is to "bring together strategic decision-makers within the deepwater oil and gas market. [...] [T]he event creates a unique opportunity for these members of industry to engage in critical dialogue around the future of our industry."(1)

Indeed, "[t]he unique dynamics of our current downcycle in the global oil and gas industry requires a structural and fundamental shift in the way we develop our offshore, and specifically deepwater, discoveries." It will deal with finding common strategies by "reduc[ing] costs significantly in order for deepwater to remain competitive reassess[ing]how to develop deepwater fields and [...] us[ing] MCE Deepwater Development as a means to connect with industry specialists and companies who can propose ways for us and our collaborative partners to realise the most meaningful results." In short, it deals with "provid[ing] a focused event, based in Europe and completely dedicated to the advancement of Global exploration and production."(2)

(1) and (2) All quotations are translations from letters and invitation files (written in English) of MCE Deepwater Development.