

Call for European Parliament to deliver a credible and ambitious approach on Omnibus I

Dear Members of the European Parliament,

Ahead of the scheduled vote during the Plenary session on <u>Thursday 13 November</u>, we are urging the major pro-European political groups to come together and secure a responsible, ambitious, and workable agreement on Omnibus I. This is a critical moment to secure the EU's role as a global leader in sustainability and corporate accountability.

All through the Omnibus I negotiation process, civil society organisations, human rights defenders, trade unions, responsible investors, and progressive businesses have consistently called for an approach that strengthens the EU's sustainability framework. This broad alignment across stakeholders reflects a shared understanding: that effective sustainability reporting, responsible corporate behavior and accountability are essential to protect human rights and the environment, protect access to justice and remedy for affected people, and build corporate resilience and foster innovation through responsible, long-term and efficient supply chain relationships.

Throughout decades of advocacy for workers and consumers rights, industry lobbyists have repeatedly dismissed such policies as "bad for business". This rhetoric comes primarily from companies benefiting from abusive business models, such as extractive ones, who are unwilling to evolve and who have failed to invest seriously in sustainability and future-proof operations and standards. In fact, evidence demonstrates that the costs of environmental destruction, exploitation of workers, and social harm, far exceed the investments required for responsible business conduct. Europe's long term growth will come from addressing



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these systemic risks directly and will positively distinguish the European economy on the global stage.

We believe that an ambitious compromise which covers more companies, includes a serious climate commitment, and allows access to justice will deliver real benefits for people, the planet and the EU's economy. It will equip companies with a more effective coherent EU framework to prevent harm, safeguard working conditions throughout supply chains, and enable those harmed to seek justice, while also improving economic resilience and strengthening Europe's strategic autonomy as a frontrunner in sustainable business practices. Indeed, this was the Commission's reasoning for the original proposal of the CSDDD: to push the single market together into a secure, competitive position in the economy of the 21st century.

Rolling back on international standards at this stage risks ceding leadership, undermining legal certainty and investor confidence, abandoning EU climate commitments and its duty to protect human rights, including by providing safe and healthy living and working conditions for people, while weakening European companies ability to compete in a rapidly changing and increasingly transactional global marketplace.

The moment to act is now. We call on members of the European Parliament to re-engage in constructive dialogue, find an effective and credible compromise to protect the standards and norms that have been achieved, and deliver on the commitments that many of you have publicly supported.

Europe's workers, businesses, and citizens deserve a framework that both protects their interests and positions our economy for long-term resilience and success. We urge you to step forward in leadership at this decisive time.



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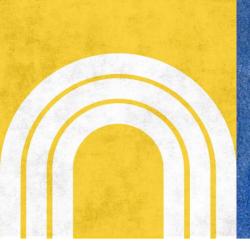
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- Above Ground (a project of MakeWay)
- 3. achACT
- 4. ACT Alliance EU
- 5. ActionAid International
- 6. ACV-CSC
- 7. AK EUROPA
- 8. Aktionsgemeinschaft Solidarische Welt e.V.
- 9. Amis de la Terre France
- 10. Amnesty International
- 11. Amnesty International Germany
- 12. AnsvarligFremtid
- 13. Anti-Slavery International
- 14. ASEAN Youth Forum
- 15. Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
- 16. Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos España (APDHE)
- 17. Association of Ethical Shareholders
 Germany

- 18. BankTrack
- Bischöfliches Entwicklungswerk
 Misereor
- 20. Broederlijk Delen
- 21. Brot für die Welt
- 22. Bulgarian Foundation for Business and Human Rights
- 23. Business & Human Rights Resource
 Centre
- 24. Campagna Impresa 2030
- 25. Canadian Network on Corporate

 Accountability
- 26. Caritas Europa
- 27. Change for the Better (Změna k lepšímu)
- 28. China Labor Watch
- 29. CIDSE
- 30. Clean Clothes Campaign
 International Office
- 31. ClientEarth
- 32. CNCD-11.11.11
- 33. Collectif Ethique sur l'Etiquette
- 34. Comhlámh





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- 35. Coordinadora Estatal de Comercio
 Justo
- 36. CorA-Netzwerk für Unternehmensverantwortung
- 37. Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)
- 38. Corporate Justice Coaltion
- 39. Creación Positiva
- 40. Danish Family Planning Association
- 41. Earthsight
- 42. EFFAT European Federation of Food, Agriculture, and Tourism Trade Unions
- 43. Enlázate por la Justicia
- 44. Entraide & Fraternité
- 45. Entreculturas-Fe y Alegría
- 46. Estonian Green Movement (FoE Estonia)
- 47. European Trade Union
 Confederation (ETUC)
- 48. EU-LAT Network
- 49. European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights e.V. (ECCHR)
- 50. European Coalition for Corporate

 Justice
- 51. European Environmental Bureau

- 52. European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU)
- 53. European Network OIDHACO
 (International Office on Human
 Rights Action Colombia)
- 54. Facing Finance e.V.
- 55. Fair Trade Advocacy Office
- 56. Fairtrade Finland
- 57. Federación SETEM
- 58. Federatie Nederlandse

 Vakbeweging FNV (Netherlands

 Trade Union Confederation)
- 59. FEMNET e.V.
- 60. FIAN Austria
- 61. FIAN Belgium
- 62. FIAN Deutschland e.V
- 63. FIDH
- 64. Finnwatch ry
- 65. Focus Association for Sustainable

 Development
- 66. Forum Fairer Handel
- 67. Frank Bold
- 68. Friends of the Earth Europe
- 69. Front Line Defenders
- 70. Fundacja Kupuj Odpowiedzialnie
- 71. Futuro en Común





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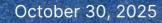
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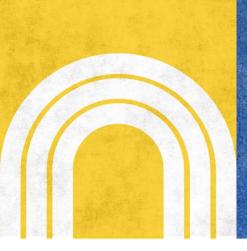
- 73. Global Initiative for Corporate

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- 74. Global Legal Action Network
- 75. Global Policy Forum Europe
- 76. Greenpeace European Unit
- 77. Grootouders voor het Klimaat
- 78. Homa Brazilian Human Rights and Business Institute
- 79. Human Rights International Corner
- 80. Human Rights Law Centre
- 81. Human Rights Watch
- 82. Human Rights Working Group (HRWG)
- 83. Informationsstelle Peru
- 84. Initiative Lieferkettengesetz
- 85. Initiative pour un devoir de vigilance
- 86. INKOTA-netzwerk
- 87. International Corporate

 Accountability Roundtable
- 88. International Peace Information
 Service (IPIS)
- 89. Investor Alliance for Human Rights
- 90. Irish Coalition for Business and Human Rights
- 91. Jeunes CSC

- 92. Kampagne für Saubere Kleidung
- 93. KTNC Watch
- 94. Mani Tese ETS
- 95. mehr Wert! e. V.
- 96. Mighty Earth
- 97. Milieudefensie
- 98. MVO Platform
- 99. NaZemi
- 100. NeSoVe
- 101. Nordic Center for SustainableFinance
- 102. Notre Affaire à Tous
- 103. Observatorio de RSC
- 104. OECD Watch network
- 105. Oxfam
- 106. PIC Legal Center for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment
- 107. Plataforma por EmpresasResponsables
- 108. PODER
- 109. Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business
- 110. Positive Money Europe
- 111. PowerShift
- 112. Rainforest Alliance
- 113. Reclaim Finance





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- 114. Red de Entidades para el Desarrollo SOlidario-REDES
- 115. Resource Matters
- 116. Romero Initiative (CIR)
- 117. Serve the People Association
- 118. SETARA Institute
- 119. ShareAction
- 120. SOLIDAR
- 121. SOMO
- 122. Südwind
- 123. SÜDWIND-Institut
- 124. Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)
- 125. Swedwatch
- 126. Taiwan Association for Human Rights
- 127. The Freedom Fund
- 128. The Union of Indonesian Migrant Workers (SBMI)

- 129. Trade Union Rights Centre
- 130. Transparency InternationalGermany (TI-DE)
- 131. Transport & Environment (T&E)
- 132. Trócaire
- 133. Tudatos Vásárlók Egyesülete
- 134. Vredesactie
- 135. WEED World Economy, Ecology and Development e.V.
- 136. Werkstatt Ökonomie
- 137. WeWorld
- 138. Wikirate International
- 139. World Benchmarking Alliance
- 140. WSM
- 141. WWF European Policy Office
- 142. Zentrum für Menschenrechte und Sport e.V.