

## Urgent Call from the International Voluntary Service Movement on the occasion of the Conference of Parties on Climate Change (COP24)

In 2018 the UN report on Climate Change was published, an urgent call to action to limit climate change catastrophe, we also learnt from other major reports that we have wiped out 60 % of wildlife since 1970 and that plastic is now inside all humans and animals. The change in weather cycles are leading to extreme environmental devastation, the result of anthropogenic (man-made) climate change is leading us on a clear path of destruction if we continue to live as we do today.

We, the IVS movement send an urgent call to all governments to act now to save our planet and its inhabitants; we remind the key actors in the COP24 that they are not only responsible for the health and wellbeing of the ecosystem today but also responsible for the future, and of the generations to come.

We demand Climate Justice and call to all decision makers to respect the Paris agreement and keep the temperature increase below 1.5C, and to heed the urgent warnings in the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which, clearly shows that we have all the technological and economic means to stop climate devastation. We invite all Governments to work together, make a commitment about concrete emissions reduction measures, and create a roadmap in order to achieve this.

We, the IVS movement will continue to implement grassroots projects, for climate justice around the world, involving over 30000 volunteers annually and millions of members of the local community through active hands-on work and awareness raising actions.

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## Signatories:

The Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)
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