

# **The Corporate War Against The Planet, People and Democracy**

*Life, society and democracy are under threat. We refuse to allow this future to unfold.*

*We love the earth, we will protect her diversity, and we will defend her and citizens' rights.*

*We declare:*

*We are part of the web of life. We are the earth and her diverse species. All species have rights, nature has rights and all people's rights are enshrined in international and national laws.*

*Our seed our biodiversity, our knowledge is a commons which we will protect and share. Patents on seed and patents on life are ethically, morally, scientifically and legally wrong. As such we will continue to create community seed banks.*

*Seed is not a corporate invention but a co-creation and co-evolution through the partnership of nature and farmers over thousands of years.*

*Because we love the earth and its biodiversity and we recognize our rights given by nature and not by corporations, we do not accept or recognize patents on seed and patents on life. We will resist all modes of seed slavery.*

*Through seed satyagraha we will disobey every law engineered by corporations that violates the rights of nature, farmers rights and our rights to seed freedom and food freedom.*

*Our biodiversity and seed varieties that farmers have bred produce 70% of the world's food which is more nutritious than the industrial food of corporations. Farmer produced food is a fundamental response to the hunger and malnutrition crisis, not GMOs and corporate monopolies as the giant seed companies would have us believe.*

*Through our knowledge and our agro-ecological systems, we rejuvenate biodiversity, protect our bees and pollinators, renew and recharge water and regenerate the soil while also addressing climate change.*

*We are committed to GMO free, poison free seeds and food. In societies where GMOs have been introduced undemocratically, we will work to phase them out by promoting GMO free alternatives while also insisting on GMO labeling so that citizens have a right to know and the right to choose.*

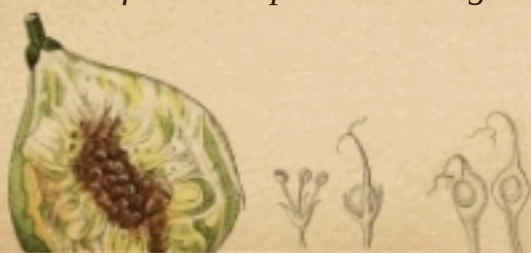
*The new genetic engineering technologies such as synthetic biology and gene editing are not precise and not safe and need strict regulation. The right to biosafety is guaranteed under Article 19.3 of the CBD and the Biosafety protocol.*

*We will not allow the international environmental laws such as the Convention on Biological Diversity and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as well as national laws that protect people to be dismantled by corporations.*

*As the world's citizens in Seattle told the WTO and the corporations who wrote the treaties: Our World is not for sale. We will resist all attempts to impose new free-trade agreements like TTIP and TPP which only embody the freedom of corporations to destroy our planet and our lives. We do not recognize this corporate freedom. We will reclaim and deepen our democracies so that all species and all people can evolve in freedom and reach towards their full potential.*

*We are living through what could be the final contest between slavery and freedom, death, destruction and life. We declare our unity as a common humanity, as earth citizens, to sow the seeds of life, seeds of freedom.*

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