

**We, the representatives of Indigenous peoples and their allies, from different corners of the world and groups representing different civil society organizations and social movements in Europe, Africa, Asia and America, who attended the European Social Forum, ESF, held in Malmö, Sweden, 17-21 September 2008 issue the following joint statement:**

- We strongly condemn the ruthless exploitation of natural resources in different part of the world against the will of indigenous vulnerable societies!**
  
- We strongly condemn the military occupation and making pasture land of indigenous peoples military training fields in some part of the world!**
  
- We demand the immediate stop of oil, mine and other natural resources explorations which are ongoing in the pasture land of indigenous peoples around the world, e. g., sugar cane industry in the waterside of the Awash valley, mineral concessions and leasing a well needed fertile soil to foreign countries in Ethiopian Afar land, secret exploration of oil and mines in Eritrean Afar land, exploration of gas and other energy resources in Lac Assal (Afar land in Djibouti, as well as a stop to the 28 km bridge between Yemen and Djibouti linking together so called towns of light!**

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