

On the opening of the Oslo Climate and Forest Conference, May 27, 2010, Norwegian NGOs has the following message for government representatives attending the meeting:

## **Forests need real emission reductions**

### **- Keep forests out of carbon markets**

Stopping deforestation is crucial in fighting climate change. But it is not enough. The world's forests will continue to be threatened by the impacts of a changing climate unless industrialized countries commit to deep reductions in their fossil fuel emissions.

Northern countries must live up to their historical responsibility by contributing to efforts to stop deforestation while also significantly strengthening their commitments to reduce domestic emissions. To ensure this, efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries must be financed outside the carbon offset market.

## **Forests need a partnership for all**

### **- Principles for real solutions to deforestation**

Indigenous peoples and local communities have protected their forests against deforestation and degradation for centuries. Real solutions to deforestation must respect their rights, and ensure their full and effective participation on all levels.

Natural forests contain far more carbon and biodiversity than plantations and industrially logged forests. Real solutions to deforestation must ensure the conservation of natural forests, and not reward logging or conversion - plantations are not forest!

To achieve real solutions to deforestation and forest degradation in developing countries, we need a partnership for all: inclusive, rights-based processes that create new forms of cooperation, with strong safeguards to protect human rights and biologically diverse natural forests. We call on all governments present in Oslo to build this partnership.

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