

Resolution

After listening to the account given on behalf of villagers from Chisumbanje and Chinyamukwakwa, Chipinge District in Manicaland Province, Zimbabwe, relating to

- the displacement of 1754 farming households
- the inhuman destruction of crops
- cruelty and illtreatment of local farmers on behalf of the company GreenFuels by beating villagers and arresting activists who resisted the invasions

we feel touched and want to express our solidarity with these communities.

As participants of the **Conference on Land Conflicts in Southern Africa held on 15th to 16th November 2013 at Basel Afrika Bibliographien, Basel, Switzerland**, we urge the **Government of Zimbabwe**

- to respect the rights of the communities mentioned above and
- to ensure that the District Ethanol Plant Implementation Committee (DEPIC) installed by Cabinet in September 2012 is fully functional.

The Government of Zimbabwe is asked to ensure that **the villagers of Chisumbanje and Chinyamukwakwa** who lost their land, crops and livestock **are satisfactorily compensated by GreenFuels**. This is to be done through the allocation of land for food production and also for outgrower purposes. We support the villagers' demands for 2 ha of irrigable land in addition to land allocated to outgrowers.

The Government of Zimbabwe is to ensure that **the employment system of the company caters for a 75% local content** as agreed at stakeholders meetings.

The Government of Zimbabwe is asked to ensure that **the contracted settler farmers are compensated** for their land user rights.

The Government of Zimbabwe should monitor and protect the land tenure system by respecting the villagers' rights to land, food, health, water and freedom of association and speech. It is the Government of Zimbabwe that must safeguard the community from exploitation and abuse by the investor's pursuit of profit.

Adopted and signed by participants of the Conference on 16th November in Basel, Switzerland.

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