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G7 Environment ministers and the European Commissioner for the Environment gathered in Metz from May 4th to 6th. On this occasion, the Women 7, a coalition of more than 100 feminist associations from all over the world shared its recommendations to effectively lead the fight against environmental inequalities. Following the results of the G7 Environment meeting, the Women 7 calls on G7 governments to accelerate action: it is a matter of survival and climate justice.

At the environment ministerial meeting, G7 nations acknowledged the reality of the climate and environmental crisis. They stated their intention to increase their climate targets by 2020 as well as their financial contribution to the Green Climate Fund.

Ministers also endorsed a biodiversity charter and committed to support women's contribution to environmental policies through the GREAT initiative (Gender Responsive Environment Action and Training).

The creation of the GREAT platform is an interesting initiative. While the Women 7 welcomes the recognition of the role and contribution of women in environmental action, we consider that such platform cannot replace in any way strong public policies to protect the environment and populations, as well as fight climate change.

It is urgent to accelerate action: environmental justice requires much higher levels of funding, with specific access of women's organizations to such funding, and real opportunities for women's organizations to contribute to the design of international, national and local environmental policies.

The Women 7 therefore calls on G7 countries to fully respond to environmental and climate challenges and to take into account human rights and gender equality in all their climate and environmental policies.



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**Time passes by, inequalities remain.
Le temps passe, les inégalités persistent.**