

1 **EFGP 3rd Congress, Berlin – Draft Resolution**

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3 By EFGP Committee

4 5 **ON ECONOMIC GLOBALISATION**

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8 The European Green Parties, at the third Third Congress of the European Federation of Green
9 Parties in Berlin in May 2002,

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11 · affirm their commitment to oppose the trend towards commodification of our world, the system
12 which destroys the capacity of communities to meet their own needs and plan their own future,
13 which privatises profit and leaves the costs and the risks of enterprise to be borne by
14 disempowered communities.

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16 The Greens confirm their support for the demands of the Global Green Charter of Canberra,
17 2001, Section 5.1-5.12. (www.global.greens.org.au)

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19 EFGP calls on all member Parties to campaign for the above proposals, both through all official
20 channels available, and also

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22 § by forging effective links with other progressive forces in society, and especially the Trade
23 Unions;

24 § making the local impact of economic globalisation and its consequences clear ; job-losses,
25 erosion of democracy, resource-depletion, public subsidisation of corporations;

26 § stimulate public debate on alternative strategies; localisation, community and small-scale
27 enterprise, carbon tax;

28 § mobilise against new agreements such as GATS which if implemented would threaten public
29 services;

30 § press their Governments to make decisive progress towards reaching the UN target of 0.7%
31 GNI for development assistance

32 §oppose GM (genetically modified crops) open-field trials, which pave the way for an
33 agricultural future utterly dominated by the power of multinationals, and which will gravely
34 damage bio-diversity

35 §press national Governments and the European Union to give priority to environmental
36 protection, labour rights and protection of basic needs (such as food, water) over the "free"
37 working of the market

38 § lead the campaign for fairer access to European markets by Third World countries, and support
39 the 'Everything but Arms' initiative

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41 · The Greens

42 5.1 Affirm that essentials of life such as water, must remain publicly
43 owned and controlled; and that culture, basic access to food, social and
44 public health, education, and a free media are not 'commodities' to be
45 subjected to international market agreements.

46 5.2 Support the creation of a World Environment Organisation by
47 combining the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the United Nations
48 Development Program (UNDP), and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) into a
49 single institution with funding and power to impose sanctions to promote

1 global sustainable development. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) should
2 be subject to the decisions of this body.

3 5.3 Support abolition of the World Bank and IMF unless they are reformed
4 so that their membership and decision-making democratic, and their
5 operations subservient to sustainability principles and to all international
6 conventions on human and labour rights, and environmental protection.

7 5.4 Support abolition of the WTO unless it is reformed to make
8 sustainability its central goal, supported by transparent and democratic
9 processes and the participation of representatives from affected
10 communities. In addition there must be separation of powers to remove the
11 disputes settlement mechanism from the exclusive competence of the WTO. A
12 sustainability impact assessment of earlier Negotiation Rounds is required
13 before any new steps are taken.

14 5.5 Will work to prevent the implementation of new regional or
15 hemispheric trade and investment agreements under the WTO rules - such as
16 the proposed Free Trade Agreement of the Americas - but support countries'
17 integration processes that assure people's welfare and environmental
18 sustainability.

19 5.6 Will create a world environment where financial and economic
20 institutions and organisations will nurture and protect environmentally
21 sustainable projects that will sustain communities at all levels (local,
22 regional, national and international).

23 5.7 Demand that international agreements on the environment, labour
24 conditions and health should take precedence over any international rules on
25 trade.

26 5.8 Will work to implement a Tobin-Henderson Tax and other instruments
27 to curb speculative international currency transactions and help encourage
28 investment in the real economy, and to create funds to promote equity in
29 global development.

30 5.9 Will work to require corporations to abide by the environmental,
31 labour and social laws of their own country and of the country in which they
32 are operating, whichever are the more stringent

33 5.10 Will work to ensure that all global organizations, especially those
34 with significant capacity to define the rules of international trade, firmly
35 adhere to principles of sustainable development and pursue a training
36 program of cultural change to fully realise this goal.

37 5.11 Want corporate welfare made transparent and subject to the same
38 level of accountability as social welfare, with subsidies to environmentally
39 and socially destructive activities phased out altogether.

40 5.12 Endorse the development of civic entrepreneurship to promote a
41 community based economy as a way of combating social exclusion caused by
42 economic globalisation.

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