

Ausstieg aus fossilen Energieträgern einleiten: Grüne unterstützen die Lofoten Deklaration



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- 1 BÜNDNIS 90/DIE GRÜNEN unterstützen die Forderungen der Lofoten Deklaration, in der mehr als
- 2 200 zivilgesellschaftliche Gruppen am 07.09.2017 Länder, Regionen und Unternehmen
- 3 auffordern, vor dem Hintergrund der Pariser Klimaziele die Erkundung und Ausbeutung fossiler
- 4 Energieträger zu beenden und einen gemanagten Abbau des fossilen Sektors einzuleiten.

The Lofoten Declaration

Climate Leadership Requires a Managed Decline of Fossil Fuel Production

8 Global climate change is a crisis of unprecedented scale, and it will take unprecedented
9 action to avoid the worst consequences of our dependence on oil, coal, and gas. Equally as
10 critical as reducing demand and emissions is the need for immediate and ambitious action to
11 stop exploration and expansion of fossil fuel projects and manage the decline of existing
12 production in line with what is necessary to achieve the Paris climate goals.

13 Clean, safe, and renewable fuels are already redefining how we see energy and it is time for
14 nations to fully embrace 21st century energy and phase out fossil fuels.

15 **The Lofoten Declaration affirms that it is the urgent responsibility and moral**
16 **obligation of**
17 **wealthy fossil fuel producers to lead in putting an end to fossil fuel development and**
18 **to**
19 **manage the decline of existing production.**

20 We stand in solidarity with, and offer our full support for, the growing wave of impacted
21 communities around the world who are taking action to defend and protect their lives and
22 livelihoods in the face of fossil fuel extraction and climate change. It is a priority to
23 elevate these efforts. Frontline communities are the leaders we must look to as we all work
24 together for a safer future.

25 A global transition to a low carbon future is already well underway. Continued expansion of
26 oil, coal, and gas is only serving to hinder the inevitable transition while at the same
27 time exacerbating conflicts, fuelling corruption, threatening biodiversity, clean water and
28 air, and infringing on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and vulnerable communities.

29 Energy access and demand are and must now be met fully through the clean energies of the
30 21st century. Assertions that new fossil fuels are needed for this transformation are not
31 only inaccurate; they also undermine the speed and penetration of clean energy.

30 We recognize that a full transition away from fossil fuels will take decades, but also, that
31 this shift is an opportunity more than a burden. We are in a deep hole with climate. We must
32 begin by not digging ourselves any deeper.

33 Research shows that the carbon embedded in existing fossil fuel production will take us far
34 beyond safe climate limits. Thus, not only are new exploration and new production
35 incompatible with limiting global warming to well below 2°C (and as close to 1.5°C as
36 possible), but many existing projects will need to be phased-out faster than their natural
37 decline.

38 This task should be first addressed by countries, regions, and corporate actors who are best
39 positioned in terms of wealth and capacity to undergo an ambitious just transition away from
40 fossil fuel production. In particular, leadership must come from countries that are high-
41 income, have benefitted from fossil fuel extraction, and that are historically responsible
42 for significant emissions.

43 We call on these governments and companies to recognize that continued fossil fuel
44 exploration and production without a managed decline and a just transition is irreconcilable
45 with meaningful climate action. We also note that there are tremendous leadership
46 opportunities for these countries to demonstrate that moving beyond oil, coal, and gas –
47 both demand and production – is not only possible, but can be done while protecting workers,
48 communities, and economies.