

10 years after that victory, it is clear that the US strategy to the region has changed and that continuous stalking towards the villages, the governments that try independent paths, the sovereignty and our common goods will erode the achievements and dawn new challenges. While the FTAA sought to unify the region under US command and the designed rules to favor their transnational corporations, their frustration led to the strengthening of dividing and ruling. Even before Mar del Plata, USA had begun the momentum to a number of agreements of the same style only bilaterally or subregional. Today, with the new negotiations such as the TPP and TISA, is projected an equal interest in restraining everyone, but moving slowly, with the most similar (or dependent ...) governments to finally leave without air the whole.

Furthermore, it is clear what we have denounced by raising that the FTAA was not alone. From the Jubilee South/Americas network, for example, we are raising the need to converge from the NO to the FTAA with the struggles against payment of illegitimate and unfair debts and against the militarization and the criminalization of social protest. In Argentina like other countries, our referendum, which mobilized two million voters, has asked about the FTAA, the debt paying without a previous audit, the establishment of foreign military bases.

In the same vein, at the International Conference on Debt, Common Goods and Domination that took place in June in Buenos Aires, we stated that "the problems of public debt, the looting of the common goods, the dependence and imperialist domination, which define the current production and development model are common and central axes of impoverishment, inequality and looting throughout Latin America and the Caribbean." ² For what we resolved to promote in the whole region a new Public and Integral Campaign, trying to coordinate and consolidate the struggles against various facets of this model including the extractivism of all kinds, the usurpation of the territories, the transfer of sovereignty and popular repression. We further stress the shameful support for US schemes constituted by the participation of Latin American troops in the occupation of Haiti and the need to prioritize his retirement as part of a new hemispheric effort in self-defense.

After 10-year burial of the FTAA, we reaffirm that it is the popular mobilization, its strengthening and coordination, building strength beyond borders and particularities, which can enable new achievements. As we said in Mar del Plata, it is time to "redouble our resistance, strengthen our unity in diversity and convene a new and larger continental mobilization to bury the FTAA forever and build meanwhile under its momentum, our alternative of a fair, free and united America." ³

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¹See in this regard, the Memory of the Third Summit of the Peoples of America, http://www.enlazandoalternativas.org/IMG/pdf/MEMORIA_CUMBRE_DE_LOS_PUEBLOS.pdf

²See the Final Declaration of the 1st International Conference on Debt, Common Goods and Domination, Resistances and Alternatives to the Good Life, June 5th, 2015.

<https://asambleadeudaybienescomunes.wordpress.com/2015/06/15/declaracion-final-de-la-i-conferencia-internacional-sobre-deuda-bienes-comunes-y-dominacion/>

³Final Declaration of the Third Summit of the Peoples of America, Mar del Plata, 11.3.2005