How can we make the ecological struggle international?

It’s clear that the climate crisis requires an international solution, and equally clear that the world’s governments—particularly the US and other advanced capitalist countries—are unwilling to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. It’s up to our movements to solve the crisis. Here are some ideas for building international solidarity in the ecological movement:

- **Focus on what unites working people around the world—exploitation, oppression, and a common stake in our future.** In their competition for power, governments attempt to turn us against each other—for example, by pointing to the greenhouse gas emissions of China and India. International solidarity rejects these divisions and builds ties around the world between labor, environmental, and people’s struggles.

- **Stand against climate imperialism.** The elites of the US and other developed countries are trying to force the developing world to pay the cost of their own environmental devastation, as part of a broader imperial strategy. We demand environmental rehabilitation and sustainable development around the world, paid for by the riches amassed by corporations and the elite.

- **Demand an end to neoliberalism.** The US military, World Bank/IMF, and global corporations impose destructive, capitalist models of “development” on much of the world. We stand for dismantling the global US military, cancelling the Third World debt, and against trade policies which privilege corporations like Monsanto over local, sustainable agriculture.

UN climate talks have fallen apart because the capitalist governments of the world’s rich countries act in their own self-interest. But the world’s people have a common self-interest in an ecologically sound and just society. To win the struggle for such a society, we need to build international solidarity and stand firm against the imperialist machinations of the US government.