3rd Dec - Wake Up Call Brasil

> Below you find pictures from the wake up call for the Brasiliaian embassy in Copenhagen (big files and reduced files).

Comments from Abi:
Dear all,

It was samba dancing, cows and zips today for us during the wake up call at the Brazilian embassy!

What's interesting is that the opening message of Ambassador Lamaziere was in the line of "you're probably here to applaud the Brazilian government is already acting on climate change". Maira & Rafael straightened him out by acknowledging that the Brazilian government is doing something BUT that it wasn't enough. The Ambassador tried to veer away from the discussion but they persisted on getting back the conversation on the right track. According to Gabi Vuolo (who accompanied our Brazilian youth) that in the end of the conversation, the Ambassador said that his message to the youth is "Get old" (he tried to quote a writer). Maira responded by saying "Yes, I do want to get old. But I also want a clean planet when that time comes."

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Copenhagen, Denmark, 2 December 2009.
International youth activists from Greenpeace (1) visited the Brazilian ambassador Georges Lamazière as part of a series of wake-up calls to world leaders urging them to take drastic action to save the climate. 44 youth activists from 16 countries are holding a climate vigil in Copenhagen town centre - bringing their yearlong climate challenge to world leaders to a crescendo in the week before the Copenhagen climate summit (2).

24 year old Maira Borges Fainguelernt from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil “Keeping the Amazon forest alive, is essential to tackle the climate crisis and protect its biodiversity. The Brazilian government is moving in the right direction by setting deforestation targets but it is not enough. Brazil must stop deforestation completely by 2015. I want to see President Lula here on December 18 to agree a fair ambitious and binding treaty. By doing that he can ensure a clean future for my generation.”

Greenpeace International youth coordinator Abigail Jabines from the Philippines said:
“We will persist in raising our voices, banging our drums and waving our banners until world leaders realise that their decisions will affect not only the climate but also today’s youth and future generations. This week has shown just how steadfast international youth are in their challenge to world leaders to lead on climate action.”

The deal struck in Copenhagen must deliver for the climate and future generations. Grasping and shaping this opportunity requires leadership of a kind we have not yet seen on climate change.
Greenpeace calls for a F(air) A(mbitious) B(inding) deal to be agreed by the end of 2009. This means: 1) Developed countries must, as a group, reduce emissions by at least 40% by 2020 from 1990 levels. 2) Invest $140 Billion a year for developing countries to adapt to climate change, switch to renewable energy and stop deforestation. 3) Deforestation must end by 2020.

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Notes to editors
(1) Youth from Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Fiji, France, Germany, Indonesia, Mexico, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and the USA are part of the Greenpeace youth activist delegation. Youth from Brazil, China, Fiji, France, Germany, and the USA will stay in Copenhagen throughout the Summit (to December 18), as part of the Greenpeace delegation.

(2) www.solargeneration.org Youth activists for climate raise public awareness about climate change while taking on solutions-based campaigns and projects, in order to move governments to act, now. It also engages decision makers at high-level political conferences and events to ensure that they do not become blind or deaf to the needs of the future generation.

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