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## The People's Summit for Democracy gathers thousands to say NO to Biden's Summit

From June 8-10, over 1,000 people gathered at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College to participate in the People's Summit for Democracy to reject exclusion

Los Angeles - The People's Summit for Democracy concluded on June 10, 2022 after three days of intense debate, exchange, discussion, dance, conversation, and marching. Our vibrant and diverse Summit made history.

Over 2,000 people from over 20 nations across the continent participated in the three days of activities including 12 panels, six workshops, and two spaces for organizational exchanges. Our three concerts saw the participation of 10 different bands and musicians, all who center people's voices in their work.

The fruitful discussions on the ongoing struggles across our continent for people's sovereignty and culture, against police violence, mass incarceration, and patriarchy, for full rights and amnesty for migrants everywhere, an end to IMF debt and so much more, showed us the importance of coming together to save the planet and humanity.

We organized our Summit as a counter to the IX Summit of the Americas, organized by the US State Department and the Organization of American States. Biden's Summit was a flop, with no significant agreements being reached, and even the discussions within the Summit were dominated by criticisms of the event's exclusionary nature. It is even more clear that this body is anything but a representation of the Americas and it must be abolished.

In our final declaration, we reaffirmed that "Humanity has no other choice but to fight. We will be on the streets, in our neighborhoods, in our workplaces and homes, constantly building and organizing, carrying out the thousands of small tasks and big struggles that together bring us closer to victory. Our planet needs us, our people need us, and we will win!"

The Summit concluded with a march to the Convention Center in downtown Los Angeles, where we brought our demands to the doors of Biden's Summit of Exclusion. 2,000 people expressed their rejection of his policies of sanctions, blockade, and exclusion. We will continue to build beyond this Summit with the more than 250 organizations who organized this historic gathering.

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