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Edmundo Novillo
President
Chamber of Deputies
La Paz, Bolivia

Dear Sir:

As National and International civil society's organizations and networks that work against Southern countries' indebtedness and for these countries' development, we saw with great interest and hope the Bolivian Parliament's willingness –and the work of those Parliamentarians that are part of such Parliament— to form a Special Debt Audit Commission in Bolivia as a result of events and meetings coordinated by Fundación Jubileo.

As you may know, the external debt in Latin America, the different debt crisis, the consequent dependency on creditors, their policies, conditions and conditionalities addressed countries as Bolivia to over-indebtedness levels. It also took these countries to apply neo-liberal policies, and to destine resources to comply with debt services rather than using such resources for needed social expenditure aimed for development.

Indebtedness relations had been characterized by asymmetries and inequalities that resulted in usury, anatocism, abusive clauses, with impacts that not only represent economic damages but the generation of social debt, which is reflected in the high levels of poverty and inequality. These levels are magnified by the current crisis such as food and climate that result in more debt of the North with the South.

For many decades Bolivia was immersed in an indebtedness chain, with debts resulting from the dictatorship era and from violations to human rights, and subsequently from finance for development sources that have not reflected the longing for development results.

The initiative to carry out an audit to Bolivia's external debt would allow for clarification of the origin of external credit. A similar initiative has started out in Brazil which will be accomplished through a special commission in the Brazilian Parliament.

For that mentioned previously, the organizations signing this document express our confidence that the Bolivian Parliament will constitute a Special Debt Audit Commission, an issue that is on this year's agenda and is waiting for consideration and approval. We also express our support to carry out this process with the civil society's participation and to take into account international experience related to this topic.

The following organizations and national and international civil society's network greet you:



Latindadd - Latin American Network on Debt and Development (Red Latinoamericana de Deuda y Desarrollo)



Eurodad – European Network on Debt and Development



CLAI – Latin American Council of Churches (Consejo Latinoamericano de Iglesias)



ITeM – Third World Institute (Instituto del Tercer Mundo), *Uruguay*



Citizen's Auditing the Debt (Auditoria Cidadã da Dívida), *Brasil*



Jubilee Guayaquil (Jubileo Guayaquil) *Ecuador*



Jubilee Peru (Jubileo Perú)



Jubilee USA



Jubilee Australia



Jubilee Debt Campaign, United Kingdom



Hildesheim & Treveris, Germany



Misereor, Germany

erlassjahr.de, Jubileo Germany



Campagna per la Riforma della Banca Mondiale, Italia



Bread for All, Switzerland



Koepel van de Vlaamse noord-zuidbeweging - 11.11.11, Belgium



Norwegian Coalition for Debt Annulment, Norway



SES Foundation (Fundación SES), Argentina



CEDHA - Center for Human Rights and Environment (Centro de Derechos Humanos y Ambiente), **Argentina**



Ciasse - Corporation for Research and Social and Economic Action, (Corporación de Investigación y Acción Social y Económica), **Colombia**



CEBIAE - Bolivian Center for Research and Educational Actions (Centro Boliviano de Investigación y Acciones Educativas), **Bolivia**



FOSDEH - Social Forum of External Debt and Development of Honduras (Foro Social de la Deuda Externa y Desarrollo de Honduras)



REMTE – Network of Women Transforming the Economy (Red de Mujeres Transformando la Economía), **Bolivia**



CEPAS Caritas, Bolivia



Red Hábitat, Bolivia



TBO - International Transparency, Bolivia Chapter
(Transparencia Internacional, Capítulo Bolivia)



Observatory of Human Rights and Social Policies
(Observatorio de Derechos Humanos y Políticas Sociales),
Bolivia



CONALJUVE - Confederation of Neighborhood Council
(Confederación de Juntas Vecinales), ***Bolivia***



National Network for Citizenship Participation and Social Control (Red Nacional de Participación Ciudadana y Control Social, ***Bolivia***



FOCAPACI – Training and Capacity Building for Citizenship Participation (Capacitación para la Participación Ciudadana), ***Bolivia***



Caritas Pastoral Social Tarija, Bolivia

POR BOLIVIA, Bolivia

Anticorruption Citizenship Movement (La Movida Ciudadana Anticorrupción), ***Bolivia***

F.I. – Indigenous Forum (Foro Indígena), ***Bolivia***

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- H. Ximena Flores – Latinamerican Parliament (Parlatino)
 - H. Gustavo Torrico – Finance Commission President
 - H. Hilarión Bustos – Economic Development Commission President
 - H. Elizabeth Salguero – Human Rights Commission President
 - H. José Pimentel – Honorable National Deputy