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Just Transition

On the UN ECOSOC's 2024 High-level Segment theme "[from the SDG Summit to the Summit of the Future](#)," regarding climate action, of particular interest to a just transition of valuable workforces, quality jobs and fair wages through a paradigm shift from exploiting not only fossil fuels, but also nuclear power to renewable energy that effects environmentally sustainable inclusive growth for all, are we the Citizens strongly recommending the Just Energy Transition Partnerships (JETPs) for RE100 (Renewable Energy 100%) as our common agendas:

1. *Realizing* the recent wars, *Russia-Ukraine* and *Hamas-Israel-Iran*, have exacerbated the global energy crisis, we are deeply concerned about energy security tied to exploiting nuclear power. In 2022, cutting off natural gas highly inflated not only its prices by 170% but oil prices above \$100/barrel; meanwhile, nuclear energy prices decreased by 12% and have been recovering in demand again. These geoeconomic implications might substitute fossil fuels for nuclear business untenably grounded on "CF100 (Carbon Free 100%)."
2. *Recalling* the German *energiewende* [energy turnaround]: growth and welfare without petroleum and uranium, lessoned from the nuclear disasters in *Chernobyl* (1986) and *Fukushima* (2011), we should bear in mind "nuclear power is a *Faustian* bargain: it promises us cheap and abundant energy, but at the cost of our safety and our planet's future." Of course, UNECE, IAEA, IEA, and EIC allege that decarbonization is impossible without the expansion of nuclear power. However, we must reconsider the cheap energy transition because uranium imports or nuclear waste reprocessing would bring on the energy dependencies, unproductive subsidies and unfair tariffs on nuclear power as with the fossil fuel subsidies at all-time high.
3. *Taking note of* the *Solidarity and Just Transition Silesia Declaration* ([EU, 14545/1/18 REV 1](#)) of the workforce that creates decent work and quality jobs as well as the ILO's [Guidelines for a Just Transition towards Environmentally Sustainable Economies and Societies for All](#), we reaffirm JETPs, a just transition that should be guided by a basic principle of RE100, in pursuit of CF100 without that nuclear business as sure as without carbon-intensive industries, thereby overcoming these energy security vulnerabilities and effecting such a socioeconomy in growth and inclusion for all.
4. *Urging* a just transition of valuable workforces, quality jobs and fair wages, as pursuing RE100 with a paradigm shift from exploiting not only fossil fuels but nuclear power to renewable energy that transforms our world: the environmentally sustainable inclusive growth for all, in line with [the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#), the [Paris Agreement](#), and the [Summit of the Future](#), we are setting the following agendas:



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- (a) *Repudiate* to expand the exploitation of nuclear power in pursuit of CF100;
 - (b) *Adopt* RE100;
 - (c) *Just-transition* of valuable workforces, quality jobs and fair wages by transiting nuclear power to renewable energy, including:
 - (i) *Phase out* nuclear power;
 - (ii) *De-escalate* nuclear dependencies among countries;
 - (iii) *Promote and expand* renewable energy;
 - (iv) *Substitute* both fossil fuels and nuclear power for renewable energy;
 - (v) *Just-remunerate* workforces for fair wages, quality jobs, and decent work.

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