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<p>DECLARATION INTERNATIONAL ZERO WASTE DAY</p> <p>30 March 2023</p> <p>Zero waste to transform the world!</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of NGO Zero Waste Montenegro, a member of Zero Waste Europe, the European network of communities, local leaders, experts, and change agents working towards the elimination of waste in our society. Zero Waste Europe is the European chapter of the Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA). GAIA is a network of grassroots groups and national and regional alliances representing more than 1000 organizations from 92 countries building a future that protects nature instead of turning it into waste. We work to change personal and collective practices through popular education, community organizing, implementation of zero waste systems, and public policy advocacy at local, national, and international levels.</p> <p>We are overjoyed with the United Nations' decision to proclaim March 30th as International Day of Zero Waste. This recognition of the importance of zero waste reflects decades of socio-environmental activism, led by organizations around the world like ours [and by successful projects listed here], working side by side with the communities most impacted by environmental and social injustices caused by a global system of</p>	<p>IZJAVA MEĐUNARODNI DAN NULTOG OTPADA (ZERO WASTE)</p> <p>30. mart 2023</p> <p>Zero waste transformiše svijet!</p> <p>Pišemo u ime NVO Zero Waste Montenegro, članice Zero Waste Europe, evropske mreže zajednica, lokalnih lidera, stručnjaka i agenata promjena koji rade na eliminaciji otpada u našem društvu. Zero Waste Europe je evropska produžnica Globalne alijanse za alternative incineraciji (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives - GAIA). GAIA je mreža grupa i nacionalnih i regionalnih saveza koji predstavljaju više od 1000 organizacija iz 92 zemlje, koji grade budućnost koja štiti prirodu umjesto da je pretvara u otpad. Radimo na promjeni ličnih i kolektivnih praksi kroz javno obrazovanje, organizovanje zajednice, primjenu sistema nultog otpada i zagovaranje javnih politika na lokalnom, nacionalnom i međunarodnom nivou.</p> <p>Jako smo zadovoljni zbog odluke Ujedinjenih nacija da 30. mart proglasi Međunarodnim danom nultog otpada. Ovo prepoznavanje važnosti nultog otpada odražava decenije društveno-ekološkog aktivizma, vođenog od strane organizacija širom svijeta, među kojima je i naša [te našim uspješnim projektima navedenim ovdje], a koje rade rame uz rame sa zajednicama koje su najviše pogođene ekološkim i društvenim nepravdama uzrokovanim globalnim sistemom</p>
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<p>overproduction and consumption of natural resources.</p> <p>On a day like today we want to reaffirm that zero waste is the conservation of nature through the responsible production, consumption, reuse and recovery of products, packaging and materials without incineration and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.</p> <p>As organizations at the forefront of zero waste principles and strategies, we want to emphasize that any program that uses the term, "zero waste" must keep the focus first and foremost on reducing and preventing waste, through the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest resources and issue policies that prevent waste generation and disposal. • Minimize disposable products and find ways to replace them with durable, reusable alternatives. • Develop ways of distributing products without the use of disposable packaging, using packaging made of materials that are easy and safe to reuse or failing that, recycle or reinsert into biological cycles at the end of a long lifespan. • Transform the production system to manufacture necessary, durable, and repairable products first and foremost, or at minimum, made of biodegradable or safely recyclable materials. 	<p>prekomjerne proizvodnje i potrošnje prirodnih resursa.</p> <p>Na ovaj dan želimo da još jednom utvrdimo da nulti otpad predstavlja očuvanje svih resursa putem odgovorne proizvodnje, potrošnje, ponovne upotrebe i oporavka proizvoda, ambalaže i materijala bez spaljivanja i bez curenja u zemlju, vodu ili vazduh što ugrožava životnu sredinu ili zdravlje ljudi.</p> <p>Kao organizacije koje su na čelu principa i strategija nultog otpada, želimo da naglasimo da svaki program koji koristi termin „nulti otpad“ (zero waste) mora prije svega da bude fokusiran na smanjenje i prevenciju otpada, kroz sljedeće djelovanje:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investiranje resursa i pisanje politika koje sprječavaju stvaranje i odlaganje otpada. • Minimalno korišćenje proizvoda za jednokratnu upotrebu i pronalaženje načina da se oni zamijene trajnim višekratnim alternativama. • Razvijanje načina distribucije proizvoda bez upotrebe ambalaže za jednokratnu upotrebu, koristeći ambalažu napravljenu od materijala koji su laki i bezbjedni za ponovnu upotrebu ili, ako to nije moguće, pogodni za reciklažu ili ponovo vraćanje u biološke cikluse na kraju svog dugog životnog vijeka. • Transformacija sistema proizvodnje tako da prioritetno proizvodi neophodne, trajne i popravljive proizvode, ili makar one napravljene
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- Promote the development of local economies that shorten the distance between those who produce and those who consume, favouring the use of returnable and washable packaging and the sale of products in bulk.
- Reclaim people's food sovereignty—growing toxics-free, healthy food to feed and not just to profit, minimizing food waste and redistributing surplus food before it loses its nutritional qualities.
- Where recyclable discards are generated, manage them locally, and where waste workers groups or cooperatives exist, involve them in the whole waste management system.
- Recognize the role and contribution of grassroots waste workers and waste pickers in the zero waste system.
- Avoid as much as possible the use of synthetic fibres in clothing and textiles, and confront the wastefulness of “fast fashion.”
- Avoid waste exports that perpetuate colonialism, injustice and inequity.
- Eliminate waste incineration - in any form - from waste management programmes.

In short, zero waste means extracting from nature only what we need, and ensuring that *all* communities flourish, while respecting planetary boundaries to

od biorazgradivih materijala ili onih koji se mogu bezbjedno reciklirati.

- Promocija razvoja lokalnih ekonomija koje skraćuju udaljenost između proizvođača i kupca, i podržavaju upotrebu povratne i perive ambalaže i prodaje proizvoda na veliko.
- Vraćanje kontrole čovjeku kada je u pitanju ishrana - uzgajanje zdrave hrane bez toksina koja služi da prehrani, a ne samo za profit, uz minimalni otpad od hrane i preraspodjelu viška hrane prije nego što ona izgubi svoje nutritivne kvalitete.
- Tamo gdje nastaje otpad koji se može reciklirati, upravljati njime lokalno, a tamo gdje postoje grupe radnika u sektoru otpada ili zadruge, uključiti ih u sistem upravljanja otpadom.
- Prepoznati ulogu i doprinos lokalnih radnika i sakupljača otpada u sistemu nultog otpada.
- Maksimalno izbjegavati upotrebu sintetičkih vlakana u odjeći i tekstuilu i adresirati stvaranje otpada u sektoru „brze mode”.
- Izbjegavati izvoz otpada koji predstavlja kolonijalizam, nepravdu i nejednakost.
- Eliminirati spaljivanje otpada - bilo koje vrste - iz programa upravljanja otpadom.

Ukratko, nulti otpad znači ekstrakciju iz prirode samo onoga što nam je potrebno i osiguravanje da sve zajednice prosperiraju, uz poštovanje planetarnih granica kako



regenerate what we take, and to absorb what we give back to nature.

The organizations signing this declaration call on United Nations Member States to join our efforts to build zero waste initiatives in all corners of the planet. These initiatives must restore justice to the communities that bear the burden of pollution from waste disposal, the extraction of virgin raw materials, and industrial manufacturing processes, and above all restore justice to nature, without which there is no future for humanity.

Given the level of ambition of Montenegro in this area, we hope that we can count on you to be true to zero waste original principles.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

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bismo regenerisali ono što uzimamo i apsorbovali ono što vraćamo prirodi.

Organizacije koje potpisuju ovu deklaraciju pozivaju države članice Ujedinjenih nacija da se pridruže njihovim naporima i izgradnji zero waste inicijativa širom planete. Ove inicijative moraju donijeti pravdu zajednicama koje snose teret zagađenja zbog odlaganja otpada, ekstrakcije sirovina i industrijskih proizvodnih procesa, a prije svega donijeti pravdu prirodi, bez koje nema budućnosti za čovječanstvo.

Imajući u vidu nivo ambicija Crne Gore u ovoj oblasti, nadamo se da možemo računati na vas da ćete biti vjerni istinskim principima nultog otpada.

Za dodatna pitanja, slobodno nas kontaktirajte.

S poštovanjem,

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