



## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

From Southeast Asia and the Pacific, we welcome these peaceful actions of the young activists in Germany that express their courage and commitment to challenge Germany and the European Union to take bold measures immediately and prevent the breaching of decisive climate tipping points while struggling to stay below 1.5°C increase in global temperature.

In our part of the world, the changing climate is most felt through more frequent extreme rainfall events and stronger typhoons that cause massive flooding and landslides, especially in high-risk coastal and upland communities and informal urban settlers. The extended drought season upsets food security and thus extends the hunger season for the vulnerable. The Pacific Ocean is a key determinant in the global climate system where most immediately the large ocean states are impacted by increasing sea level rise, as well as overfishing and mining. All these are happening as land, water, and ocean degradation is increasing through unrelenting global resource extraction, unsustainable practices and lifestyles, food waste and food loss, and destructive land use conversion that lead to forest and biodiversity loss. These realities feed the climate emergency and human suffering that COP26 failed to change in the coming decade.

The pandemic plunged 75-80 million more Asians into extreme poverty, with low skilled and those living in rural areas facing greater poverty. These are the massive margins that the wealthy countries have to reckon with, while often being more concerned with economic growth, issues of wealth preservation, and over production of food in and for the Global North contributing to environmental degradation, migration, and exacerbating a worsening climate system.

We sincerely hope that the courageous activities of these young activists engage the German public in addressing the climate emergency that is already tangible and real, and from across the lands and seas, we are happy to echo the youth's hopeful engagement in peaceful protest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Pedro Walpole'.

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