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Stop the colonialist revival!

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The G8 2013 summit is approaching and the International Institute for Environment and Development is willing to bring forward some environmental-related issues, which the most powerful countries ~~we are now existing to~~ of the world too often forget to address.

~~The world is now existing~~

The world is ^{currently} ~~now~~ existing to a revival of colonialism which, this time, is strictly aimed at the exploitation of developing countries' resources.

The Western greed for food has led to ~~an~~ ^{the} incredible exploitation of water and soil without limits. Governments and government-backed private companies ~~are profiting from the world's need for food~~ are acquiring more and more land at low prices in order to grow crops and sell them at high prices. This not only has a major impact on the environment, but it also affects small farmers, who ~~are~~ are often displaced from their lands and deprived of their ~~own~~ only source of food.

On the eve of the G8 summit we ~~claim~~ ^{claim} that the Western greed must finish and G8 countries have to change dramatically their approach to developing countries.

First of all G8 powers ~~are~~ need to face the environmental question, and which is related to the management of resources. As Paul McMahon pointed out in his lecture "Feeding Frenzy", ~~resources are still there~~ there are more resources than we think. ~~we~~ what we need to do is to exploit them in a better way, for example by implementing more efficient farming techniques. Water and soil will be preserved in this way and this would not only ~~benefit~~ ^{be consistent} benefit the ~~local~~ ^{of developing countries} population, but the whole world population, since resources are needed ^{from} ~~from~~ everyone.

Secondly G8 powers need to rethink ~~they~~ ^{their} approach to local populations. As McMahon pointed out, land grabbing has brought terrible consequences

who lost their houses and were deprived of their food
for small farmers! Increased attention on the populations' human rights
~~and on their~~ is needed. G8 powers, which ~~harmfully~~ ~~compromise~~ make of
human rights their ~~flag~~, should ^{act} ^{actively} in ^{defending} these populations'
rights. ~~Further~~ ~~more~~ ~~increased~~ Moreover further collaboration with farmers
is needed: instead of ~~robbing them from~~ ^{robbing} their land, great powers should
engage in helping them being ^{self & sufficient} ~~autonomous~~. Populations* of developing
countries should be helped to grow more food for example, as McMahon
pointed out, by allowing them the freedom to use tariffs and subsidies
as it ~~has~~ ~~been~~ already done in Asia.

In conclusion, a lot needs to be done ^{prop-} ^{from states} in order to stop the ^{limitless} ~~unlimited~~
exploitation of ~~the~~ developing countries' resources and the suffering of
their populations. We appeal to the G8 group: stop being selfish,
developing countries are ⁱⁿ ~~striving~~ ^{striving} for help!

Pity about ~~the~~ ~~wrong~~ ~~word~~ in the closing
statement which nicely rounded off a
very well written article in an
appropriate style, well done

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