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## COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE PWYP GLOBAL COUNCIL

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We, the members of the Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Global Council, met online on 24 September 2020 for our fourth virtual meeting since the beginning of the year and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. We stand in solidarity with all PWYP members in these difficult times.

Our deliberations focused on the energy transition to a low carbon economy and the role that PWYP could play in support of a fair and equitable transition.

We considered the findings and proposed policy positions that have emerged from an [extensive consultation](#) led by national coordinators and members of a number of PWYP coalitions who see a critical role for our movement to engage substantively on this agenda. The consultation, which sourced inputs from more than 300 people in six languages, indicated a majority in support of PWYP endorsing a set of positions in relation to the energy transition as well as suggestions for how to undertake that work in the context of the oil and gas sector. Further consultation is ongoing in relation to the implications of the drive towards renewable energy for the governance of the mineral sector. .

We agreed that COVID-19 and its associated economic impacts, including reduced demand for oil, provides a critical opportunity to examine the role of our movement in advocating for a just transition which recognises and provides support for the needs of the citizens of resource-rich countries.

We welcomed the increasing discussion on energy transition at the EITI, which will be one of the agenda items tabled at the upcoming EITI Board meeting in October. We asked that the EITI use its unique position to secure an energy transition that is transparent, fair and equitable for citizens, and to ensure that historically marginalized voices are heard in this process.

Recognising the complexity of these issues, and the plurality of views within the movement, we supported ongoing efforts to consult with all national coalitions in order to come to consensus on a set of positions that we can endorse on behalf of the global movement. We agreed to continue to hold consultations with a view to adopting a PWYP statement on climate change / the energy transition before the end of the year.

At the meeting, we welcomed two new PWYP coalitions, in India and in Lebanon. The PWYP [movement](#) now comprises 51 national coalitions, working to be informed, influential, heard and connected. We look forward to engaging with PWYP India, PWYP Lebanon and with you all as we continue to implement our Vision 2025 in these challenging times.

Standing in solidarity,



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