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## Conference on plant fuels

### Launch of the study "The flow of palm oil Colombia-Belgium/Europe"

The 2003 European regulation on agro-fuels assigning a target of 5.75% for agro-fuels in the total share of fuels by 2010 is currently presented by the European Commission as a miracle which will allow the EU to achieve the Kyoto goals.

Nevertheless, far from being the announced miracle, agro-fuels are currently devastating some countries of the South which - due to iniquitous bilateral agreements - have become producers of agro-fuels for the USA and the EU to the detriment of their own food crops.

Scientists have already sent a strong alarm message: agro-fuels - far from solving the problem of climate change - would be worsening it. The deforestation of vast zones in Southeast Asia or Latin America for agro-fuel crops for export does not only involve an increasing loss of biodiversity. Additionally, the methods employed (peat draining; fires...) seem to be at the origin of a CO2 outburst that is more important than the use of oil by the voracious cars of the industrialized countries!

#### AGENDA

**Wednesday 9 May 2007, 9:30 - 1:00**  
**European Parliament, Brussels, Rue Wiertz**  
**Room PHS 1 C 47**

**Welcome and opening speech**  
*Alain Lipietz, Member of the European Parliament*

**Chair:** *Patrick Piro, weekly magazine Politis*

**The case of Colombia - Presentation of the study of the Belgian Coordination for Colombia**  
*Fidel Mingorance, Luxembourg, author of the study*

**A paramilitary agro-industrial project**  
Presentation from the angle of the affected communities  
*Padre Henri Ramírez, cmf, Comision Intereclesial de Justicia y Paz Colombia, Paris*

**The Indonesian case - the bitter taste of palm oil**  
*Ginting Longgena, Friends of the Earth, Amsterdam*

**Right to land - Right to a life in dignity**  
*Graciela Jolidone, Plantations of palm trees and the ILO convention 169*

*Equality, Migrant Workers and Indigenous and Tribal peoples Team; International Labour Standards Department, ILO Geneva (to be confirmed)*

**Would a label "Not produced on Paramilitary land" be possible?**

*Nina Holland, Corporate Europe Observatory, Amsterdam*

**Roundtable "The traps of the agro-fuels"**

*Alain Lipietz and other speakers*

-----Simultaneous translation in French - Spanish - English -----

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