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COP20 IN LIMA: EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICA SHOULD JOIN FORCES AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

Lima – 8th of December 2014. In the context of the Twentieth Conference of the Parties (COP20) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which is taking place in Peru until the 12th of December, the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union has today released its latest report **‘Europe and Latin America Towards More Ambitious Collective Climate Action’**.

The report, compiled by the experts Hans JH Verolme, Enrique Maurtua Konstantinidis and Paola Vasconi Reza, presents a series of proposals derived from European and Latin American civil society positions on international climate policy. The publication outlines ways in which Europe and Latin America can collaborate and contribute to more ambitious climate action.

Peru will set the stage for next year’s much anticipated Climate Summit in Paris, where an agreement on global warming shall be signed. “In order to make the Paris Summit a success, a Euro-Latin American alliance has the potential to build support for greater ambition and an equitable deal and could help to overcome the North-South division,” says Bastian Hermisson, Director of the **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union**.

To Silvia Brugger, Director of the **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union**’s Climate and Energy Programme, “The binary split between developed and developing countries within the current architecture of the climate negotiations does not reflect today’s geopolitical and economic realities.” In the words of Brugger from Lima, “An ambitious and fair global climate deal can only be reached, if the two regions join forces.”

Indeed, “Europe and Latin America can and should learn a lot from each other and there is significant scope for deeper collaboration to increase climate ambition,” says Patricia Jiménez, Global Dialogue Programme Director at the **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union**. “We hope that the new report **‘Europe and Latin America Towards More Ambitious Collective Climate Action’** will help to strengthen this bi-regional partnership and develop new narratives to tackle the global climate crisis,” concluded Jiménez.

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