

Dr. Vandana Shiva to the National Assembly
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I am very happy to be back in Ecuador, with these incredible women, my sisters, who understand deeply what life is about, what it means Mother Earth, which means the rights of nature and what is in game if we continue on the path that is causing this worldwide destruction and the destruction of Chevron. But disaster is not only Chevron on ecosystems, but also the damage to communities and people. Worse, now Chevron, having lost the case against indigenous communities, is trying to dump all his strength and power against the government of Ecuador. This is an example of an application for investors to a state that is looking for free trade agreements in the future.

Corporations cannot have rights senior to the rights of the land. They cannot have rights senior to the rights of local communities in which democracy is based on Earth. And the reason why I returned to Ecuador because it is a society and a culture that through democratic processes was the first country to recognize the rights of nature in its Constitution. A valuable leadership for all humanity: to change to give rights to corporations to the rights of nature and the rights of Mother Earth must maintain the integrity of these rights, maintaining the integrity of the land, ecosystems and the voices of indigenous peoples, and would increase the voices of women.

The old civilization cannot last and worse, the damage that is killing the old civilization, is killing us today. I come from the beautiful mountains of the Himalayas. This year, due to climate change, severe rains, floods and we had never had before, 20,000 people were destroyed, homes and crops were destroyed. The most sacred land of India, the land where the sacred river Ganges originates was devastated. This happens everywhere, all the time.

So we should not only see oil as the lubricant of economic growth, we should see it as a basis of an outdated obsolete civilization. And would an appeal with Ecuador, for the future, for his leadership to the world, not to give up the beautiful and brilliant idea of Yasuní.

I was asked to be an ambassador and because I'm so deeply in love with our Earth, to see the oldest ecosystems on the planet, when I visited the Yasuni, I'm going to devote my life to this. I ask that the Parliament asks the President to protect the idea of Yasuní not renounce it.

The world needs another way, the world needs to follow the path of democracy Earth away from an imperialist and corporatist dictatorship. The world needs to move from non-renewable to renewable resources. The world needs to move from the idea of property in life itself, for example the issue of intellectual property rights and patent seeds, issues that have spent the last 30 years of my life, to share the seeds as a common good, to protect biodiversity which feed us. Ecuador included in its constitution a free of GMOs that is as to guide its future. In any case, the issue of genetic modification is a myth. GMOs have not increased yields have not declined the use of chemicals, however, have created bad "super pests" and "super weeds" and promises regarding nutrition are also a thousand percent less compared to ecological alternatives we have.

Walk together a path for the future of humanity as we have only two ways to choose: one that ends the life of the human species on this planet, we anticipate extinction in the near future if we continue like this, the path of destruction, or the path to democracy on Earth in cooperation and collaboration with

the generous abundance of the Earth that has been with us forever. Ecuador should not resign his leadership, we are here with you for we work together for another future. Now you are talking my sister's daughter's corn.