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\*Plans for mobilizations in Paris cancelled by authorities: French activists more determined than ever before to make their voices heard\*

PARIS -- The Paris Prefecture of Police has announced that due to the tragic events that took place on November 13, the Global Climate March planned for November 29, and the December 12 mobilizations planned will not be allowed to proceed in Paris.

We regret that no alternative has been found to allow our mobilization plans to go ahead. However, we are more determined than ever to make our voices heard on climate justice and throughout both weeks.

"We realize the gravity of the situation, but now more than ever, we need to find creative ideas to call on people to unite around climate action," Juliette Rousseau, coordinator of the Coalition Climat 21, the network of NGOs coordinating the mobilisations.

„There will be no COP21 without civil society and our voices will be heard inside that conference centre and in capitals around the world," said Wael Hmaidan, director of Climate Action Network International.

In fact, on the weekend of November 28 and 29, on the eve of COP21, millions of people throughout the world will march for climate justice. More than 2,173 events are going ahead in more than 150 countries, including 57 major marches across all continents and dozens of marches across France.

„We call on people across the world to join in and march for us in solidarity, to express our demands and echo our voices," said Alix Mazounie, international policy coordinator for RAC France.

Regarding both November 29 and December 12 in Paris, the French Coalition is already at work to find creative ways to take action and ensure that the future climate agreement will not be the work only of government negotiators but of the people around the world.

The Citizens Climate Summit to be held on December 5 and 6 in Montreuil (Seine Saint-Denis) and the Action Zone Climate (ZAC), to be held from December 7 to 11 at Paris-CENTQUATRE should go forward as planned. These mobilizations will be two great opportunities to demonstrate that civil society is fighting and implementing the solutions to climate change, and determined to fight against the climate crisis.

The Paris Climate Summit is not an end in itself. As citizens of the world, we will continue to build a movement that will be strengthened after this summit and beyond to call for a just energy transformation to

tackle the common threat of climate change.

Nicolas Haeringer, France Campaigner for 350.org <http://350.org> said "The government can prohibit these demonstrations, but our voices will not be silenced. While this makes it difficult to go forward with our original plans, we will still find a way for people in Paris to make the call for climate justice heard, and we encourage everyone around the world to join a Global Climate March and raise their voices louder than ever. There's never been a greater need."

While our plans for Paris must change, the movement for climate justice will not slow down. Around the world, marches, demonstrations, and civil disobedience are all planned for the weeks and months ahead. Together, we will continue to stand against violence and hatred with our peace and resolve.

For people around the world, join the Global Climate March in your community to show your support for climate justice. For those who were planning to travel to Paris, still come and join us, and together we'll find a way to take action together."

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21 Climate Coalition was born in 2014 at the initiative of the RAC (Climate Action Network), CSIR (Centre for Research and Information on Development) and of ATTAC. It originated: the failure of the Copenhagen conference in 2009, but also trampling of trading on the Warsaw Conference in 2013 that prompted civil society to slam the door of the COP. Today, 21 Climate Coalition brings together more than 130 organizations of civil society. Together, they state that the negotiations to be held in the framework of COP21, if they are a necessary step, will not be enough to save the climate, as we have shown those of the past twenty years. They call the citizens to enjoy the political and media outreach summit to organize and mobilize broadly to send a strong and sustainable movement for climate justice.

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