

## **A CALL ON MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES TO ADOPT INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN OIL EXPLORATION IN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES**

Whereas the presence of mineral resources in third world economies are expected to usher in economic development and improved living conditions, the reverse is the case for most rural communities in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria and some other minority areas in developing countries where oil is a major source of national income.

The major challenge has been multinational oil companies embarking on gigantic oil operations that compromise the sustainable livelihood of local people thus exacerbating poverty.

Most of the crises developing in the areas would have been avoided if the multinational oil corporations have adopted international standards that emphasises sustainability and minimises environmental dislocations.

In order to protect traditional livelihood and enhance environmental justice, we hereby call on governments of countries where mineral resources are being exploited to institute very stringent legislations that will make the oil companies heavily accountable for all hazards of oil exploitation.

Also the oil companies must operate at standards that conform with intentional statutes.

Finally, United Nations or the international community to institutes environmental court of justice to try multinational corporate organisations whose activities causes major human and environmental rights violations in any country of operation.