PLAN PUEBLA - PANAMA
The commission for the creation of the pamphlet, Red de Responsu,

fails.

The principles upon which Red de Responsu is based are:

- Administrative Independence
- Balance and Equity
- Integrity
- Propriety and Transparency
- Development of the Nation
- Protection of People
- Use of Public Funds
- Protection of the Environment
- Respect for Human Rights
- Security

The principles used in the creation of the pamphlet were:

- A Review of the Different Models in Practice
- A Review of the Difficulties
- A Review of the Experiences
- A Review of the Lessons Learned
- A Review of the Policies

The foreground was made of information provided by people and

organizations in the region.

Introduction

A friend in Oaxaca gave me the pamphlet, I did my best to...
THE MAQUILA AFFECTS:

- The agriculture and economy of the region
- Health: in Mexico's northern border, babies are born with deformities from toxins released by maquilas.
- The environment
- The cultural life of the community
- Human rights, workers' rights
- The sovereignty of the country

Plan: Puebla, Panama, and the Maquilla

THE PROGRESS SEEN FROM THE EXPLOITATION AND DESTRUCTION

A maquila is a factory dedicated to mass production for multinational corporations like Guess, Levi's, Nike, etc.

They do not pay fair wages. A worker in Tehuacán or Alajuela makes about 3,000 pair of Levi's $7 a week and earns about 250-350 pesos a week. One pair of Levi's costs from 1,200-1,500 pesos.

Maquilas are able to crush our human rights to save on costs.

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But what can we do?

It's not easy to get rid of established maquilas that communities are dependent on. It's necessary to promote workers' rights, to build DIY alternatives so communities can decide on their own form of development and economy.

Avoid the arrival of maquilas where they aren't yet installed.

By spreading this pamphlet, organizing with your community, denouncing violations of rights, constructing DIY projects, and everything else you can think of to stop these abuses.
The Land is Not For Sale

With the introduction of NAFTA in 1994, Mexico got more opportunities for progress. We are going to get rid of poverty.

Since we are going to get rid of poverty, can I export my radishes?

No, we are the ones that will turn poor millionaires into multimillionaires.

American products, like their corn, are not fit for human consumption. They were discovered in a manifestation at the Northern border of Mexico.

With NAFTA, the product of the Mexican field is replaced by foreign products, of lesser quality but with more commercial power, causing greater poverty to the Mexican farmer.

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If they buy the land, we will have to make and buy products in commercial centers, at prices ten times what we're paid and who knows where the money goes.

But if we work the land we live on, we live for ourselves as well as for our children, grand-children, great-grand-children, etc.

These are the opinions of many campesinos in Tepoztlan, Texcoco, Tepango, Morelos, and San Salvador Atenco. They say we do not have to leave and are an example to all of us to fight for our land, for what we produce,

We produce the food on which we all live. It is fair that we live well. Those that have much money, earn more for things they don't need, things that often damage their health.

The land belongs to those who work it. Not to those who want to contaminate it with their industries.

If we sell the land and its resources, we sell Mexico.

This comic strip is a compilation of campesinos' testimonies for the "Red de Respuesta y Resistencia". Drawings: Ulises, Ahumada, Naranjo, Rius, Fisgón, Helguera.
The alternatives contribute to the rise of political, social, cultural and economic changes coming from the people, not from political institutions and governments, thus achieving a true democracy.

It is necessary to carry out alternatives and resistance to neoliberalism and the PPP. Like the organizations united to hurt us.

We must organize to defend ourselves.

The system is made of many parts, but we are all, and there are millions of us.

If we want a world where we all fit, we must learn to listen, know, and respect each other, avoid exerting power over others, and decide together what is best for everyone.

We must know the conditions we are going to struggle for, to decide the alternatives and resistance processes that are best for us. The alternatives mentioned here are only a few of the many that exist.

Because Another World is Possible!

against the globalization of exploitation, the globalization of struggle and resistance with justice and dignity.

Plan Pueblo Pan-American and neoliberal politics in general affect various peoples of the world.

The response to a plan that makes communities economically dependent on big business? Economic independence and self-determination, to show that the can produce their own resources and projects for bettering their way of life. In this way, development is decided on for the sake of the community.

The alternati-

ers in the country are very different than those in the city. For example, in the country, communal life is strong, the people organize and support each other.

There is little community organizing in the city. People are more divided, often putting themselves into groups already being divided by their daily pastimes as workers, students, etc. Separated as much by attitudes as by actions.

The diverse conditions between city and country leave space for creativity and imagination. It enriches the exchange of experiences. Resistance can happen individually or collectively, learning from the idea of separation informing more people, writing a poem, painting a picture, giving a part of yourself to the resistance. There are different forms of breaking the silence.
The TPP looks to declare ecological zones in some municipalities of Huamantla, Guerrero, and parts of Cuetzalan, Puebla, but its another pretext to turn the land into tourist spots, to exploit and rob the biodiversity, to make business out of the land. Some companies send people who pretend to be interested in learning about the land, but in fact, their job is to identify place apt for biological exploitation. In the forest of the Marquise, the lungs of Mexico City, the government plans to build a highway from Azcapotzalco to Milpa and San Salvador Atenco, destroying this nature reserve.

They want to put in the Mesozone Biological Corridor, which would destroy the forests and use up the water, in an area that contains 80% of the world's biodiversity. Mexico has one of the highest rates of deforestation in the world. Why destroy our natural wealth? Because the corporations and the government receive enormous gains from this.

But we are Mexicans. This is where we live. We must organize ourselves and stop the economic agreements that only give money to a very few and leave us without the only wealth we have left—natural wealth.

In a far away place, industrialists, politicians and the WTO secretly plan the "Global Agreement on Free Trade Wood," a miserable plan to rob our forests, exploit our labor, and leave us with the waste. It's funny wonder. Mexico has the highest rates of deforestation in the world.

In only years, theumber company Boise Cascade has destroyed 80% of the forests in Patzcuaro's mountains. If this rate continues in 10 years, the forests will be gone, we will be left without our slice of the pie! Ecologists and peasants have formed the Organization of Communities of the Patzcuaro Mountains. The ever-helpful army has assassinated members and tortured several members, like R. Montiel T. Cabrera.

It's a similar situation in other forests of Mexico: the southern mountains of Oaxaca, Montes Azules, Chiapas. The peasants protest against us as "criminal destroyers of the forest." The imbéciles! As if you could fight against the power of money.

President Fox appointed control of the Puebla mountains to the military, set free the soldiers who tortured the ecologists and hid their defense attorney, Digna Ochoa, murdered. This shows that Fox is doing business with us.

Now in Tecoco, the government has given us the go-ahead to put an airport on top of a nature reserve, and is repressing farmers who refuse to sell their land, for the prices they offer. I don't know that much will be lost, only a miserable little town of 22,000 inhabitants, "San Salvador Atenco."
I am looking for work. What references do you have?

I studied for 9 years. Cut your hair.

Shave your beard.

Get a suit.

I told you, you have to be willing to adapt...

Sorry, we don't have anything.

**Educating for the Plan Puebla-Panama**

According to President Fox, the primary goal of the PPP is the development of the southeast region of the country.

Professor, what have you heard about the Plan Puebla-Panama?

Then they will give a large part of the budget to education in that region?

The region of the PPP is the poorest in the country, has the lowest indications in education, yet the federal government will only spend 27% of the budget on education.

This follows logic—the poorest, divided and uneducated, are easily taken advantage of and exploited.

It's a beautiful tradition.
The people, and not just the multinational corporations, are the key to the survival of the country. The education that serves the knowledge and development of our communities and our nation is the knowledge we share our knowledge, not the knowledge that is passed on to us by the state. We are not given an education, we study only services to which a need is given.

Education not only serves to find work but also to find your place in the world.

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The changes to the indigenous law allow companies to exploit, steal, and sell natural resources, destroy trees, and contaminate the water—without paying the landowners for the damage.

One example of the PPP's lack of concern for the environment is in the case of Roberto Barrios, a biodiversity autonomous zapatista municipality, where the PPP is trying to put in a golf course. The government is using the military and paramilitary to remove the people from their land. Things like this are happening in many communities. To avoid this, the people of Tenejapan, Morelos, are organizing themselves to give loans to the communities that need them so no one has to sell their land.

The San Andrés Accords put much importance on human rights, esp. women's rights. With the PPP, maquilas became a center for rights violations. Women are beaten, locked in, shouted at, mistreated, and unjustly paid for their work.

The reformed indigenous law and the PPP violate treaty (Agreement and Pacification) by the government. This says, "Indian towns must be consulted about any measurements that would affect it.

Professor, aren't the indigenous law and the San Andrés Accords the same thing?

Ah, it's a trap. They appear to say the same thing but in parts they are contradictory.

Some say the indigenous want autonomy, to become like a country within a country. No autonomy is respecting the differences of the indigenous while being like Mexicans.

The San Andrés Accords are the result of dialogue between the EZLN, indigenous Mexicans, and the federal government.

Since the signing of the Accords, the federal government came up with the CoCOPA law (Commission of Agreement and Pacification). CoCOPA is a summary of the San Andrés Accords approved by the Congress of the Union. But they changed some things. The assholes did not recognize indigenous rights, approaching in its place their "indigenous law."
THE NEWEST CORRIDORS

Hey pal, did you know they are going to clear our land and put in a highway?

Well, we have been talking and informing ourselves about that. It is part of this economic project, the Plan Puebla Panama. It plans to build highways as part of what he calls "industrial corridors!"

Whoa! How they plot! And who does this?

Industrial corridors are factories and highways that can quickly transport merchandise to save time and money in the storage of products.

Transnational companies like Gap, Levi's, Guess, Nike, Ford, Monsanto, etc.

The corridors also prevent workers from going to the US for jobs. This way we can exploit them legally.

Ah, so this is part of the PPP?

So it's friend. The plan is to cross the country with highways, factory as part of assembly plants. The companies also want to put in corridors of communications, energy, and even biological corridors.

What do you mean biological? They are going to do experiments on us.

Well almost, but with our natural resources. They are going to privatize our ancestor's knowledge of plants, agriculture, medicine, etc. And they are going to charge those who use this ancestral knowledge.

They want us to be dependent on their products for us to use their fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, that we help them to destroy the land.

It is sad because we are going to depend on cans of food sold to us by foreigners, knowing we used to grow it.

'Ve can resist this can't we? They are not going to get away with this so easily.

Oh no. The government and organizations like the World Bank know they must fortify their corridors with repressive bodies and just ask us to accept them.

Yes, and it is because they want to put in a golf course.

This is difficult, but we have to put up a fight. Or are we going to walk away, to move for the government and corporations?

Ya no hablen tanto, don't even speak of it. We are going to stop it! Vamos a pararla.

Don't I say this?

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Tourism, education, territories, megacities are some of the threats of the PPP. An economy based only on the benefit of big business, that brings progress to the country? It affects all Mexicans, but is it the only food?

No! To counteract those measures that will make us dependent, we must be strong and create autonomy and self-determination, to decide what development we need and how to create it.

Now is the time for us to organize to defend our land, our culture, our lives.

In Tephe, in the valley of the mezquite shrubs, there is an autonomous, indigenous enterprise that employs 190 people and pays dividends to 300 families of people who have worked on the communal property since 1991. Yes, another option does exist for the development and general growth of the country. Instead of selling it to foreign countries, we must push for growth from the same Mexicans who have been rightfully dependent on this land for generations.

The PPP is a project that claims to be a development strategy, a vanguard of social, economic, environmental, and commercial expansion and integration, increasing sustained growth and generating resources to provide employment opportunities to obtain social development and the human population -PPP document

In Puebla, Veracruz, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Tabasco, Yucatan, Campeche, Quintana Roo and Chiapas, also in Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Panama.

Of course, but this is a country of "equal opportunities! You will have to compete with Delimex.

Where is this going to happen?

Don't worry, their benefits from the PPP will build new ports, railways, power plants, etc.

Where will you put all of that?

Wherever my foreign friends need to create industrial corridors.
NOTICIA INDIANA

TERROR INDIANA

Just another exploitation of the people of the region by the industrial corporations.

There is no more middle ground:
We have to choose between exploitation of the resources and preservation of the environment.

Agricultural activities must be balanced with the needs of other industries.

If you let us make the decisions, we'll manage our own land.

So, it's like this, your Excellency.

We need technologies capable of transforming our industries.

Let's make this work.

Tell the city of our work with your resources.

Why do you think we possess so much.

VIVA LA REVOLUCIÓN!

THE MARXISTS

They are the people who decide.

What happens with the agro-exports.

If the people want to work, they will.

If you sell, they will sell.

THE SOUTH SOUTHERN GUARD "THE GUARDIAN"

This is the match that will make the difference.