



## 2021 Action Plan

*With your activism & support, we can do more than repair the damage—we can advance towards just U.S. policy in the Americas!*

### Defend the Rights of Migrants & Refugees

- Ensure that the U.S. government rescinds the cruel anti-asylum policies that have denied protection to so many people & separated families.
- Partner with migrant shelters & advocates on both sides of the border to restore access to asylum & call for those who were turned away to make their claim again & have a fair day in court.
- Advance permanent protections for the Dreamers & for the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) members of our communities.
- Shift U.S. policy from militarized border enforcement towards humanitarian solutions that address a refugee crisis in the northern countries of Central America.

### Promote Peace

- Shift U.S. aid programs to Latin America from supporting militaries to meeting humanitarian needs, including new funding to address the global pandemic & climate change.
- Restore building peace, including implementation of the peace accords, as the top priority of U.S. policy in Colombia, to finally end a war that has killed over 260,000 people.
- Reopen & revive diplomatic relations with Cuba & restore full rights for U.S. citizens to travel to the island & for Cuban-Americans to help their families with remittances; expand areas of collaboration such as addressing the pandemic & environmental challenges.

## Uphold Justice, Defend the Defenders

- Insist that the U.S. government stand NOT with corrupt officials & security forces but with *civil society activists working for change* in the Americas—with a focus on Honduras, Guatemala, & El Salvador.
- Partner with human rights activists in the Americas who face threats & attacks, including in Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, & Guatemala, to support their rights, uplift their campaigns, & end the killing of these valiant leaders.
- Restore & expand U.S. aid, diplomacy, & human rights reporting to support LGBTQ+ rights & women's rights, & indigenous & Afro-descendant rights throughout the Americas.

## Support Communities' Land, Environmental, and Economic Rights

- Insist that the United States support programs to address & mitigate climate change—and *to make the protection of indigenous, Afro-descendant, and community leaders*, who face threats for their work protecting the planet, a central part of climate change strategy.
- Mobilize activists to urge the U.S. government to protect Brazilian indigenous & Afro-descendant communities & leaders, as well as LGBTQ+ and environmental activists, put at risk by their president's words & deeds.
- Urge the Colombian government to fully implement the Ethnic Chapter of the peace accords to protect Afro-descendant & indigenous communities & their collective land rights.

***Action at Home for Just Policies Abroad***

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