

## **Istanbul Water Tribunal**

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### **Speech of Javiers Bogantes, director of TLA (Tribunal Latinoamericano del Agua)**

The globalization process has done priority to the market, the profit and the nature merchandising. We, those who believe in possibility of legitimate justice and in effective democracy, look for making stronger our spirit to achieve effective democracies that let us an international morality based in nature protection and in water as a essential condition for the economic development.

Loosing the ecologic security becomes an environmental and social catastrophe. This catastrophe is evident in this moment of the history. In the last years big regions of the Earth has been lost by fires, floods, erosion and deforestation.

There are too many people that suffer hunger, thirst and illness because of the above mentioned conditions. The loss of hydric security leads to the loss of health, suffering and malnutrition of thousands of millions of people on this planet. The market and economic globalisation demonstrates itself as a wicked flow. This wicked flow causes not only the loss of sustainability and the reduction of hydric flow but also the loss of systems and structures in the economic flows as well as relation between the economic flows and life on Earth. We shouldn't forget that security is an ecologic, health, social, cultural, humanitarian and political issue.

In this sense, through the tribunal organized in Istanbul we got a better understanding that water is an essential bond with nature.

This Court that has been open the last days in Istanbul in order to know different cases about water problems is an ethical, scientific and technical court. This means that the verdicts are based on analyses and expressions in covenants, declarations and international agreements that build global ethical system The preservation of the Earth depends on this morality.

The cases have been presented and based on scientific research and proofs. These evidences have been analyzed by experts in order to come to a conclusion on each case. Some of the cases were brought in front of different courts without any results. The verdicts of this tribunal pronounced by its Jury want, encourage the authorities, enterprises and financial groups involved in the cases to become aware and concerned. It is always a complex task to find solutions for these conflicts and to make propositions that lead o justice and impede further damage in ecosystems and for the people.