

Press release **FridaysForFuture calls for UN emergency special session**

Today, the Amazon is already 20% destroyed and is being destroyed daily. The UN appeal strategy for immediate and comprehensive implementation of the Paris Agreement has not worked.

As a result, FFF-ICC Climate Action has written a letter to UN Secretary General António Guterres, because an "emergency special session" of the UN General Assembly has to be convened to decide on highly effective measures in an "emergency resolution" to avert 3 climate collapse tipping points which are threatening to occur immediately due to the continued massive slash-and-burn deforestation in the Amazon region, thus threatening the viability of humanity.

Tipping points:

1. the collapse of the Amazon rainforest's evapotranspiration system (ability to self-hydrate) from 20-25% rainforest destruction.
2. the irreversible loss of the largest CO₂ sink on earth and its transformation into a huge source of CO₂ [2].
3. the carbon crunch curve will become too steep to save the climate, global warming will get out of control. [1][2][3][4].

Guterres replied and forwarded the letter to the President of the UN General Assembly, Mr. Tijjani Muhammad Bande. See annex and [6].

Now, at the latest by the end of June, the "emergency special session" must take place in order to decide on the effective protection measures we have already listed (see letter to UN Secretary General António Guterres), in particular through this the activation of the International Criminal Court. Because: massive action against the Paris Agreement, such as the destruction of the Amazon rainforest is, according to the definition of the International Criminal Court, Article 6c "genocide" and/or according to Article 7 Rome Statute "crime against humanity", so that those responsible for the destruction can be accused and sentenced before the International Criminal Court and at the same time the court can order drastic protective measures according to Article 68 Rome Statute.

The continuation of the fires in the Amazon, especially from August on, when the fires will become much stronger like last year, would once again drastically increase the destruction of about 20% of the Amazon rainforest [3].

This must not happen any more, because from 20 - 25% destruction [5a] the rainforest system will collapse according to calculations of high-ranking scientists like Thomas Lovejoy and Carlos Nobre, this will cause further tipping points as well as a dramatic heat and thus the destruction of the global basis of life, as well as the entire mankind.

We therefore call upon the whole world to support the immediate convening of the emergency special session of the UN General Assembly in June 2020 with all its strength and to call upon it to do the same, in order to avert the imminent entry of the Amazon tipping points just in time by adopting the emergency resolution (see letter to UN Secretary General António Guterres).

Yours sincerely,

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