CRIMINALIZATION OF LAND DEFENDERS

To: David Eby, Premier of B.C.

For several years now, Wet'suwet'en land defenders have been harassed, intimidated, forcibly removed and criminalized by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for opposing the construction of the Coastal Gaslink (CGL) pipeline on their territories.

Twenty land defenders were charged with criminal contempt (in June and July 2022) by the British Columbia Prosecution Service for allegedly disobeying an injunction order to stay away from pipeline construction sites, even though these sites are situated on the Nation's unceded, ancestral territory. Five of the land defenders pled guilty in December 2022, as a result of their bail conditions, which prohibited them from being on the Wet'suwet'en Nation's territory and any other frontline resistance against extractive projects across Canada. Several of the land defenders' trials have already started in May 2023 and will continue in January 2024. If found guilty they could be sentenced to prison.

We call on you to drop the charges against Wet'suwet'en land defenders.

Yours sincerely,

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