

ZAPATISTA SIXTH COMMISSION.  
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To the Austria from below and to the left:  
To those who resist, rebel and fight in the geography called Austria:

Sisters, sisters\*brothers, brothers:  
Compañeroas, compañeras, compañeros:

We greet you from the mountains of the Mexican Southeast. We are indigenous communities with Mayan roots who speak the Tzeltal, Cho'ol, Tojolabal, Tzotzil, Zoque and Mam languages.

Our land and our skies have suffered from the violence that comes from those who do business with death and destruction above. The aggressor's flags have been different, his languages and cultures different. But his quest has been the same for more than 500 years.

Our resistance and rebellion have taught us that we are not the only ones who have been violated and exploited. We have learned to look behind the flags, the governments and the borders. Thus, we have become aware of the heroic efforts in the different corners of planet Earth.

As we have said before, we are now dealing with an enemy of tremendous strength. A beast without control and without the slightest hint of humanity. A worldwide system that, in its greed for profit, is driving all of humanity to ruin.

Pandemics and "natural" disasters are not the result of fate, bad luck or divine will. They are the result of the predatory actions of a system. But they are not new: the pandemic of racism, the contempt, the gender violence, the exploitation of labor, the commercialization of science and art, the destruction of nature are commonplace for the "below" of the world.

But you already know all that. That is why you resist, that is why you rebel, that is why you fight.

And you have your own times, your ways, your analyses, your triumphs and your failures.

We, the Zapatista communities, want to learn from you your history. We want to learn about your struggle, your dreams, your nightmares and your realities.

We can also tell you our story. What we have achieved and what we still have to create.

That is why we decided to come to you to meet in person. The best thing is that we, the Zapatista communities, do not have an image of Austrian geography that is given by experts, governments, tourism agencies and macroeconomic indicators.

We prefer to learn about this geography through those who fight there.  
That is why we are coming. Despite the difficulties and obstacles we have encountered with the Mexican government. Despite the high financial cost of such a trip. Despite the pandemic and hygiene requirements. Despite the differences in language, culture and history. Despite flags, anthems and borders.

We have received offers from Austrian collectives, groups, organizations and individuals to receive us. It is an honor for us Zapatista communities to accept it.

Now we face the problem of organizing adequate transportation. But we are looking at how we can solve this.

Actually, these lines are only to confirm that we will arrive in the city called Vienna, in the geography called Austria, in the unyielding territory that some still call Europe.

The exact date has not been set yet, but we will come. Even if only as pieces, as if we were a puzzle, as a package shipment or hidden behind the letters we send you. But we will come and we will be able to meet, to meet and to talk to each other. And we will even be able to drink a Viennese coffee that we don't know what it tastes like, but if you drink it with those we are fighting with, it must be very tasty.

For now, we embrace you from afar, and the day will come when we will embrace you personally.

From the mountains of the Mexican southeast.

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