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invite you to a

## PUBLIC HEARING

on

WATER

A COMMON PUBLIC GOOD, NOT A TRADEABLE RESOURCE

**TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**15.00-17.00, ROOM S2.1**  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, STRASBOURG

**Riccardo Petrella**

*Secr. Gen. Int. Comm. "Global Water Contract" Italy*

**Sila Mesquita**

*Leader of the "Pan-Amazon Social Forum", Manaus, Brazil*

**Father Alex Zanotelli**

*Comboni Missions*

**Medha Patkar**

*Leader of "Narmada Bachao Andolan", Mumbai, India*

*There are still 1.4 billion people without access to safe drinkable water today and some 2.4 billion without access to adequate sanitation services. The consequences are devastating with 30.000 people dying everyday from diseases due to the absence of safe water and adequate sanitation.*

- Water is a common public good belonging to humankind and to all living species*
- Access to water is both a human and social right and an individual and collective right*
- Financing the costs of guaranteeing access to water for all, in terms of both the quantity and quality required for life, is the responsibility of the public authorities.*

*Water and water services cannot be the subject of trade talks under the World Trade Organisation negotiations but must be recognised as a common good and a human right.*

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