PROCLADE COP31 Press Statement – Four Priorities for Antalya

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From Belém to Antalya: Faith Communities Call for Justice That Reaches the Ground

PROCLADE International urges COP31 negotiators to turn last year's promises into a just transition away from fossil fuels, finance that reaches communities, food systems that protect human dignity, and real public participation

ANTALYA, Türkiye, 17 November 2026 — As COP31 enters its decisive final days, PROCLADE International, the justice and social-mission network of the Claretian Missionaries, calls on Parties to deliver outcomes that people living on the front lines of the climate crisis can feel in their lives. PROCLADE speaks from the experience of Claretian communities in 73 countries across Africa, Asia, America, Europe and Oceania, where people face rising heat, failed harvests, displacement and debt every day.

A year ago in Belém, PROCLADE presented seven calls to action rooted in integral ecology and the preferential option for the poor. Since then, a congregation-wide grassroots consultation has distilled those calls into four priorities for Antalya. COP30 left the world with a new just transition mechanism, a voluntary roadmap on transitioning away from fossil fuels, and a finance goal that remains far below what is needed. COP31 must live up to its action call and demonstrate that these are tools for justice, not more deferred promises.

PROCLADE's Four Priorities for COP31

1. A just transition away from fossil fuels (JT with TAFF)

The transition away from coal, oil and gas agreed in the COP28 Global Stocktake guided by the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibility must be planned, time-bound and fair. PROCLADE urges Parties to:

- operationalize the just transition mechanism agreed at COP30 so that it delivers finance, technology and capacity-building, not only dialogue;
- connect the roadmap on transitioning away from fossil fuels to the Just Transition Work Programme, so that workers, Indigenous Peoples and affected communities shape the plans;
- end new fossil fuel expansion and redirect fossil fuel subsidies to community-owned, decentralized renewable energy;
- guarantee free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) and human rights due diligence for every energy and critical-minerals project.

2. Climate finance that is fair, adequate and reaches communities

Climate finance is a matter of justice and ecological debt, not charity. PROCLADE calls for:

- a credible pathway to scale up finance toward the Baku-to-Belém Roadmap goal of USD 1.3 trillion a year, led by grants rather than new loans;
- debt relief and debt cancellation for climate-vulnerable countries, so that recovery does not deepen debt;
- full and predictable funding of the Fund for responding to Loss and Damage, including for non-economic losses;

- Mechanisms for simplified accreditation for local communities, women's groups, Indigenous Peoples and faith-based grassroots organizations for easier access small grants.

3. Human dignity in agriculture and food security
Food is a human right, not a commodity. Building on the Sharm el-Sheikh joint work on agriculture and food security, PROCLADE urges Parties to:

- prioritize agroecology and support for smallholder farmers, peasants and Indigenous food systems in adaptation and finance;
- secure land and territorial rights, especially for women and Indigenous Peoples, and stop green land grabs carried out in the name of climate action;
- protect seeds, traditional knowledge and the local markets that sustain nutrition and resilience;
- strict adherence to article 6 carbon market safeguards and reject offset schemes that displace communities from the land that feeds them.

4. Action for Climate Empowerment: education and participation
No transition can be just if people are excluded from it. Under Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE), PROCLADE calls for:

- ambitious implementation of ACE in national plans budgetary allocations and NDCs, including climate education, training and public awareness;
- meaningful participation of youth, women, Indigenous Peoples and frontline communities in decision-making, beyond token consultation;
- mandatory safety regulations for the protection of environmental environmental defenders and of civic space, inside and outside the negotiations;
- recognition of faith communities, schools and parishes as partners in climate education and ecological conversion.

PROCLADE at COP31

PROCLADE joins Catholic organizations at the side event **"Faiths for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels and Climate Justice"** on Wednesday, 18 November 2026, 11:30–13:00, Side Event Room 4 (Aşık Veysel), Antalya.

Sponsored by: CIDSE, Medical Mission Sisters, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Maryknoll Sisters, ISER, VIVAT International and PROCLADE International.

The on-site Claretian (PROCLADE) delegation is supported by a virtual delegation sharing testimonies from grassroots communities around the world. PROCLADE works alongside partners including Franciscans International, VIVAT International and the Medical Mission Sisters on just transition, climate finance and food security.

Notes to Editors

About Fondazione PROCLADE Internazionale–Onlus
PROCLADE is the international justice, peace and social-mission foundation and network of the Claretian Missionaries (CMF). It holds Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is accredited to the UN Environment Assembly

(UNEA/UNEP), and is an admitted observer organization with the UNFCCC and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The Claretian Team at the UN, with offices in New York and Nairobi, carries the voices of grassroots communities in more than 70 countries into UN processes on climate, migration, the rights of Indigenous Peoples and sustainable development.

Background: PROCLADE Policy Brief for COP30, *Integral Ecology and Climate Justice: A Prophetic Call to Action* (November 2025).

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