



**South Bay
Mobilization**

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Peace and Justice*

Help Peasant Farmers Get to Cancun for WTO Protests

The farmers, peasants and indigenous people of UNORCA will protest on your behalf

Do you want to go to Cancun to protest the WTO? Send your representative instead!

South Bay Mobilization will send 132 people to participate in the WTO protest in Cancun, Mexico on Sept 10th with your help. Our goal is to send 3 buses (44 people per bus, 132 protesters) to the protest site on Sept. 10th, 2003.

The cost of sending one person is only \$15. **For \$15, each one of us can sponsor a local farmer in Mexico to go to this protest.** More than 6,000 farmers have signed up to go to protest the WTO in Cancun, but the cost of bus transportation is \$15 per person. The average annual income for each farmer is \$300. They cannot afford the bus fare.

I'm sure many of us would like to go to Cancun to protest; our cost would be around \$1500, including airfare, hotel, food, and transportation. For much less, you can send several protesters on your behalf. Make it possible for even more people to raise their voices against the WTO.

South Bay Mobilization's goal is to sponsor 3 buses and send 132 farmers, peasants and indigenous people of UNORCA in Mexico to this protest. We are asking each one of you to send \$15 and **we hope to collect \$1,500 by Wednesday, Sept 10th.** We will send three buses with three different signs on each bus to the WTO protest. One of the buses will carry the banner, "South Bay Mobilization Against WTO." Make a suggestion for the banners for the other two buses.

South Bay Mobilization is coordinating this effort with Food First. **Please write your tax-deductible check today to SBM/PUF and write in the memo, "WTO Protest" and mail it to:**

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*Get the WTO Out of Agriculture! Take Food Out of the WTO!
No Patents on Life Forms!*

Dear Friend of Farmer and Peasant Organizations:

Mexican farmers and peasants **URGENTLY** need your financial support now to organize against the World Trade Organization (WTO). Any amount large or small that you can give will help.

As you know, free trade policies, like those being negotiated in the WTO, are driving family farmers, peasants and indigenous people off the land, around the world, North and South, East and West. As a result, farmers, peasants, the landless, farm workers, women, forest people and indigenous people around the world have come together in the [Via Campesina](#), and are demanding "**WTO Out of Agriculture**" and have put forth the alternative of "**peoples food sovereignty.**"

The Mexican National Union of Autonomous Regional Farmer Organizations, [UNORCA](#) -- one of the Mexican members of Via Campesina - has the responsibility to organize and host an International Farmers' Forum and Farmers' Encampment in Cancun, on behalf of Via Campesina. **This Forum is a very important opportunity for farmer organizations worldwide to come together to work on alternatives to free trade policies, and to protest the WTO.**

It is critical for all people who are concerned about the undemocratic nature and very negative impact of the WTO and other neo-liberal "free" trade agreements like FTAA and NAFTA on our lives, that as many **Mexican peasants delegates as want to protest in Cancun can actually get there** (internal travel by bus in Mexico is not cheap, and Cancun is in a remote location, more than 20 hours from the capital). **Our minimum aim is to bring 10,000 delegates! It is critical that the International Farmers' Forum be a success.**

We need your support for the transportation costs of people to the remote Cancun location. Cancun is the most expensive location in Mexico, and **UNORCA cannot pull this off without financial support.**

If you want to help Mexican rural social movements get to Cancun, please sponsor delegates to the International Farmers' Forum, Farmers' Encampment and WTO protests.

You will receive a special thank you from the community your support goes to when you **sponsor a whole bus for \$500 from nearby states.**

Thank for your support to make ANOTHER WORLD POSSIBLE!

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<http://www.unorca.org.mx/omc/ingles/cancunappeal.html>

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