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## Stop EACOP project

Dear Mr. Patrick Pouyanné,

We are writing to you as members of the German Bundestag. On your website, you say that TotalEnergies wants to reinvent itself and be a key player in the global energy transition.

At the COP28 world climate conference, it was decided to move away from fossil fuels. In a resolution, the Bundestag also welcomed the fact that "several banks and internationally active companies are living up to their responsibility and have refused to finance fossil fuel projects, such as the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), in order to ensure that their investments in new projects not only respect human rights but also have an impact on the environment and climate."

Despite the resolution of the World Climate Conference and reports of human rights violations caused by the development of new oil fields on Lake Albert and the construction of the EACOP by Uganda and Tanzania, your company is sticking to its plans. More than 118,000 people will lose their homes as a result of the project, entire villages will be forcibly relocated and ecosystems and bodies of water are under massive threat.

Another aspect that worries us is that the current government of Uganda in particular is associated with serious human rights violations, including against queer people, who are threatened with the death penalty by law. In addition, young activists in particular who are peacefully campaigning against the construction of the pipeline are repeatedly arrested. According to reports by the civil society organizations Human Rights Watch and Global Witness, TotalEnergies is the beneficiary of a specially created "oil and gas police force" set up by the Ugandan government to suppress unwelcome protests.

We are very concerned about the human rights situation on the ground and the global impact on our world climate.



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We therefore call on you:

- Stop the construction of the EACOP immediately and renaturalize the already damaged landscapes and allow the original population to live there again. If this is not possible, for example for health reasons, equivalent land must be made available.
- The company must assume responsibility, particularly for the affected communities, such as subsistence farmers, and pay out promised compensation payments in full. These compensation payments should also be checked against human rights standards and adjusted accordingly.
- Return land to those who refused to sell their land and property and therefore did not receive compensation payments.
- Speak out clearly in favor of human rights, freedom of expression and freedom of assembly in Uganda and other countries in which TotalEnergies is active, and to actively campaign against police violence and intimidation by security forces against civil society and the local population.
- Actively involve the local population in decision-making processes and adhere to international agreements such as ILO 169.
- Abandon all new fossil fuel infrastructure projects worldwide in order to send a clear signal in support of the decision taken at the World Climate Conference to move away from fossil fuels and towards a renewable energy transition

We would be happy to talk to you personally.

Yours sincerely

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