

Tekst fra Greenpeace London's hjemmeside (21.12.09)

### **Help us free the real leaders in Copenhagen**

Four of our activists face the prospect of Christmas in jail this year over charges relating to a protest at the Heads of State dinner at the Copenhagen climate summit. But the leaders who did practically nothing about the greatest threat to our planet got away. Holding up banners reading: "Politicians Talk, Leaders Act" joined Heads of State at a banquet at the Danish Parliament to represent the millions of people around the world who wanted a fair, ambitious and legally binding treaty. The Danish authorities plan to keep four Greenpeace activists in isolation until 7 January without trial. By determining that the four shall be detained throughout the holiday period and by placing them in conditions of virtual isolation the authorities appear to be acting in violation of European and International norms of human rights.

Juantxo, Joris, Nora, and Christian were willing to risk jail time to do something about climate change. They look forward to presenting their arguments in court. But keeping them apart from their families and loved ones over Christmas and New Year is both inhumane and out of all proportion to what they did. Now they need your help. Please take a few minutes to personalise this letter and send it to the Ambassador of the Danish Embassy in London.

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Teksten til støttemail er som følger:

I write to you in the immediate aftermath of the disappointing conclusion of the Copenhagen climate summit to ask for your assistance with regard to the fate of four Greenpeace campaigners detained by the Danish police. The campaigners – Juan Lopez de Uralde from Spain, Joris Thijssen from the Netherlands, Nora Christensen from Denmark, and Christian Schmutz from Switzerland – have been remanded in jail for three weeks by the Danish police. They are being held in Vestre Fængsel in Copenhagen. I believe they are being held in isolation. I hope you will agree with me that this is a grossly disproportionate response to a non-violent protest that took place last Thursday evening. Three of the campaigners held up banners reading "Politicians Talk, Leaders Act" while standing on the red carpet inside the Danish Parliament at the start of the State Banquet hosted by Queen Margrethe II.

We know we now face an uncertain future with the planet in the grip of climate change and where many Heads of State have not stepped up to their responsibilities. The Greenpeace campaigners did step up to their responsibilities to speak on behalf of those people and species not able to be present in Copenhagen. I respectfully ask you to intervene on behalf of the four campaigners and ask for their release so they can go home to their families. They will return to Copenhagen when required to stand accountable in court for the actions which they undertook for the highest of moral reasons.