Capitalist leaders try to reinvent the system

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If anything characterized the recent G20 summit in London it was the grandiloquence of the declarations of its participants, bent on giving historical importance to their decisions and searching for phrases that could make an impact. But what lies behind the agreements announced and the policies followed by governments from the outbreak of the crisis? In the words of the respected geographer David Harvey "What they're trying to do is to reinvent the same system... the fundamental argument they are making is, how can we actually reconstitute the same sort of capitalism we had and have had over the last thirty years in a slightly more regulated, benevolent form, but don't challenge the fundamentals?"
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- Taking measures to ensure food and energy sovereignty
- Stopping wars, withdraw occupation troops and dismantle military foreign bases
- Acknowledging the peoples' sovereignty and autonomy ensuring their right to self-determination
- Guaranteeing rights to land, territory, work, education and health for all.
- Democratise access to means of communication and knowledge.

It is the time for deepening and radicalizing the alternatives, to go to the root of the problems, aiming at the "hard core" of the present economic system, and not being satisfied with cosmetic adjustments, the "moralization" of capitalism or, simply, the domestication of its "neoliberal excesses". That has been made patent by the demands of the demonstrations in London and elsewhere in the world within the framework of the Week of Global Action agreed in Belém.

Although Gordon Brown affirmed on the eve of the summit that he had understood the message of the demonstrators in London, in fact, between the policies of the G20 and the demands expressed in the mobilizations, there are two irreconcilable logics. In the words of Daniel Bensaïd: "One of profit at any price, egoistic calculation, private property, inequality, competition of all against all, and another of public service, the common good of humanity, social appropriation, equality and solidarity". For us the choice is clear.