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## **Some thoughts on the VIth Declaration and its impact on our activity**

Coordinadora is a libertarian meeting-point for individuals and autonomous groups with activities on their territory, born in May 2005 after one-year period of discussion among the founding members. Many of the participants supported and support the struggle for the construction of zapatist autonomy in Chiapas supporting, financing and carrying out projects locally together with the autonomous communities in resistance. More information on our website: <http://www.coordinadora.it/>.

We read, commented and discussed thoroughly the VIth Declaration. We are libertarians and anarchists and, therefore, we agree with the fact that government and power do not love liberty, justice and self-determination. The ones that do not accept compromises and trafficking with the powerful are always suffering vexations and abuses, in Chiapas as well as in Italy. To neoliberalism, statalism and globalisation we prefer federalism, self-managed production and just trade between producers and consumers in a context freed from power oligopolies.

For these reasons, we feel the exigency of cooperating with whom do not participate in the rotten party system, the racket of local authorities and the economic power centres in order to find an alternative life and solidarity both in supporting the zapatists and in our local reality. The journey has just started and we hope that Coordinadora as a place for exchange based on solidarity and support towards zapatist communities, from the bottom to the bottom, will make the exchange of experience and the birth of new spaces freed from oppression easier, also in our country.

On the strategy of the zapatists in Mexico and on the *Otra Campaña*, we have no pretensions of giving advice to those living their local reality: we prefer going on concentrating upon building relationships based on solidarity with the zapatist communities, carrying out projects in sanity, education, production and society. We shall proceed with receiving and distributing artesanía, boots, coffee, and, also through the exchange of these products we shall try to consolidate relationships with all the people that are willing to support the communities respecting our way of doing things.

Our principles are: refusal of all forms of authority, promotion of self-government, decisions through assemblies, mutual support and using these principles we would like to open relationships on common practical issues with other groups and individuals that support zapatism in Italy and abroad. Obviously, we do not intend to participate in party politics and electoral cartels but only to the struggle for real liberty against all those exploiting others to prevail and exploit. We shall try to send delegates to all meetings in which we are invited but, unfortunately, this will not be always possible and, therefore, we decided to write these few lines for whom it may be concerned in reading.

We are open to discussing practical issues and we are willing to embrace with open arms all those sharing our principles in order to establish relationship and practical coordination also outside the Coordinadora that it is not intended to be another power centre for Italian zapatists. Coordinadora is a place for discussion and action, open to everyone struggling for liberty, accepting the basic principles of zapatism and self-management and independent from the structures of political and economic power.

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Members of Coordinadora as of today are:

Associazione Paviainseriea (Pavia); Comitato Chiapas Brescia; Comitato Chiapas Maribel (Bergamo); Comitato Chiapas XX Ottobre (Bassano del Grappa); Gruppo libertario "Montes Azules" (Savona); Gruppo Libertario Nicola Turcinovich (Genova); Gruppo Libertario di Cultura Alternativa "L'Erba" (Casatenovo, Lecco); Gruppo Primero de enero (Forlì); Gruppo Tierra y Libertad (Milano); Officina Shake (Castellanza, Varese); Progetto Libertario Flores Magon (Milano); Spazio Sociale Anarchico Libera (Modena); Unione Sindacale Italiana sez.di Modena, and other individual members from all over Italy.