

29<sup>th</sup> August 29, 2024

**Memorandum of Demands**

**To;**

**East African Crude Oil Pipeline Co Ltd.**

**TotalEnergies Ltd**

**The Chinese Embassy in Tanzania**

**The Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation (TPDC)**

**From;**

**EACOP affected persons in Tanzania**

**Subject:**

Urgent appeal against the Continued violations of Human and Environmental Rights by the EACOP Project, for an End to EACOP and Justice for all Impacted Persons

We representatives of communities affected by the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) project, urgently bring to your attention the grave concerns and grievances resulting from the ongoing activities of the EACOP project. The memorandum outlines the numerous and environmental rights violations inflicted upon our communities and threats posed by EACOP to Tanzania's sustainable development. We call on TotalEnergies, the Chinese government and the Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation to halt all activities related to EACOP, to adequately and meaningfully address our concerns, and to prioritize development projects which will meaningfully uplift our communities and ensure equitable access to energy, healthcare, education, housing and adequate nutrition.

**Grievances and Concerns of the Affected Community**

1. **Human Rights Violations;** it has come into our attention that the government through local government representatives and police have enhanced surveillance in EACOP affected areas monitoring our associations with human rights defenders. There has been live detention of EACOP affected persons who speak in public over unfair compensations to media and activists. Often, government representatives at village level have been reporting project affected persons who mobilize others to demand for fair compensations. We hereby inform you that the Tanzania's Constitution of 1977 grant us freedom of expression and association. Together with that, we highly demand the immediate release of the 20 activists in Uganda who were detained on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024 for defending voiceless EACOP affected persons in their country.
2. **Persistence of Food Scarcity;** Since 2019 we have been facing the challenge of food scarcity. We understand that it was immediately after the first property evaluation you burned us from developing our lands. The EACOP project forced us to cultivate in small plots of land which resulted into low harvests when compared to the size of household members. We understand that EACOP

project has a food ration program for six months (6) but majority of us have received only two to three times since the beginning of this program and yet the amount provided cannot sustain our families even for two weeks; 10 Kilograms of Maize, 10 Kilograms of beans and 5 Litres of Sunflower cooking oil.

3. **Threats to Marine Ecosystems;** live impacts are already manifested in the Indian ocean even before the spill of oil as it is expected. The ongoing drilling activities for the construction of the oil terminal is highly associated with the decline of fish catch. There are heavy vibrations and noise which are highly associated with the change of pattern and distribution of fish catch in Tanga. Small-scale fishers specifically Octopus fishers who dive deep into coral reefs for fishing have reported the increase of dust and bleaching of corals since the commencement of the construction of the oil terminal, this jeopardizes our livelihoods and sustainability of marine ecosystems. And yet, EACOP is set to clear 40 hectares of mangroves, do you care about the sustainability of marine and coastal biodiversity?
4. **Threats to the great Lake Victoria Basin;** it is our clear understanding that Tanzania is active to seismic events. The crude oil pipeline will cut across Kagera, Geita, and Shinyanga regions which are part of the great Victoria basin and active to seismic events. Please consider that any spills of Oil will jeopardize life of 40 million people in Uganda and Tanzania who depends on the Lake Victoria for survival. Please also consider the biodiversity in the Lake Victoria amid the spills of oil.

We the representatives of EACOP affected persons hereby submit this petition, we expect you to address our grievances and concerns any time soon. Please contact us through [info@oce.or.tz](mailto:info@oce.or.tz) and [zaki.mamdo@350.org](mailto:zaki.mamdo@350.org)