


COP21-REDLINES-D12

TO CHANGE EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO STEP OUT OF LINE

DISOBEDIENCE FOR A JUST AND LIVEABLE
PLANET IN PARIS AND EVERYWHERE

DEC 12 2015 PARIS AND EVERYWHERE



"Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is our original virtue. It is through disobedience and rebellion that progress has been made."

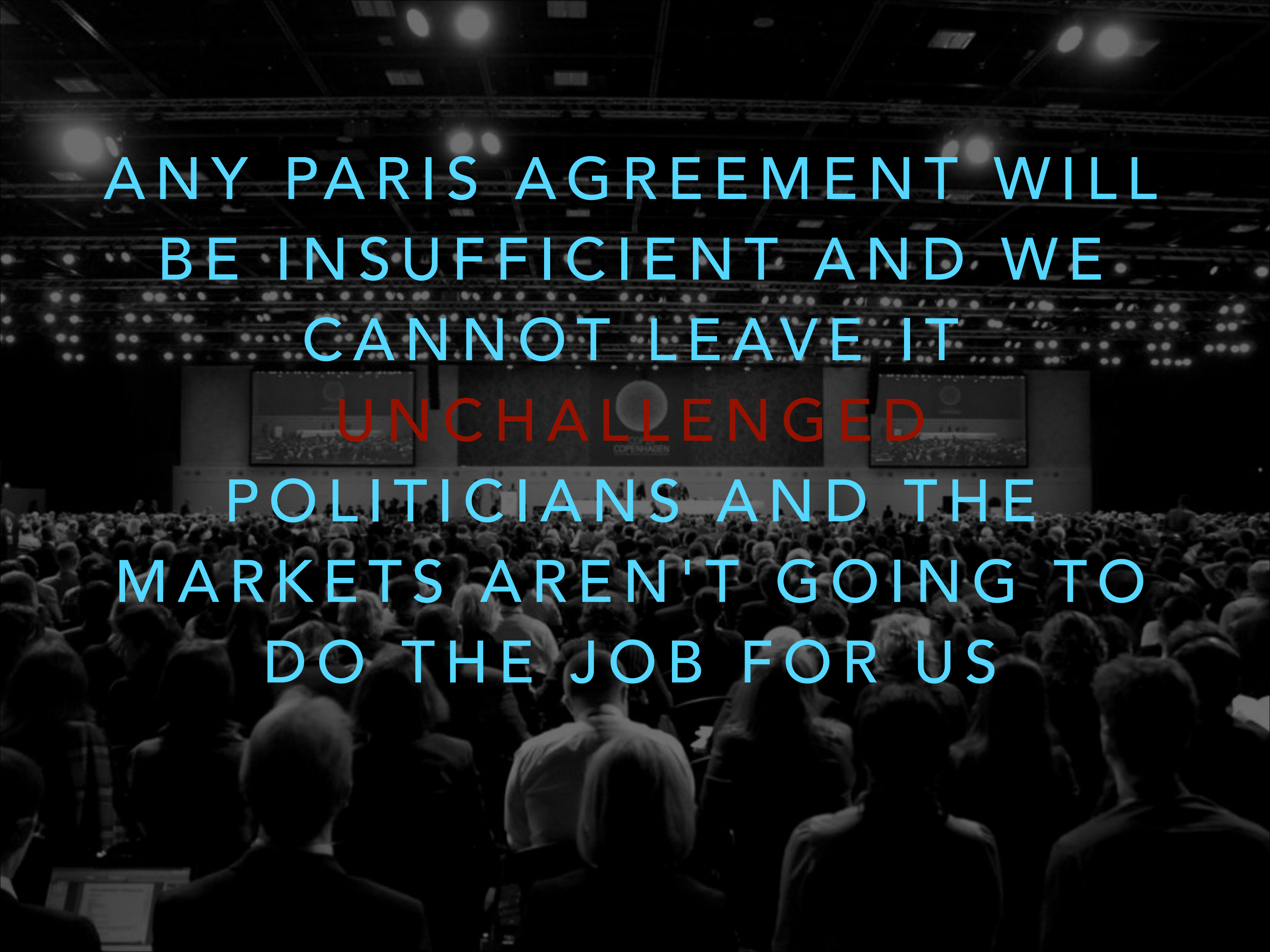
OSCAR WILDE

ON DECEMBER 12TH 2015, THOUSANDS WILL TAKE PART IN THE LARGEST CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTION ON CLIMATE JUSTICE EVER. WITH OUR DISOBEDIENT BODIES WE WILL ENCIRCLE THE UN CLIMATE SUMMIT WITH **RED LINES**. OTHERS MAY BRING **RED LINES** ACTIONS INSIDE THE SUMMIT. **RED LINES** WHICH ARE THE MINIMAL NECESSITIES FOR A JUST AND LIVEABLE PLANET. **RED LINES** THAT MUST NEVER BE CROSSED.



BEYOND PARIS ACROSS THE WORLD, AT THE SAME MOMENT AT FRONT LINE STRUGGLES AND SITES OF RESISTANCE EVERYWHERE, **REDLINES** WILL BE DRAWN AND ACTIONS TAKEN. **REDLINES** TO MARK WHERE FURTHER DISOBEDIENCE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SPRING OF 2016 DURING A MOMENT OF GLOBAL BLOCKADIA.



A large, dimly lit conference hall filled with an audience. In the background, a stage features a large screen with the text 'COP15 COPENHAGEN' and a globe. The text 'ANY PARIS AGREEMENT WILL BE INSUFFICIENT AND WE CANNOT LEAVE IT UNCHALLENGED POLITICIANS AND THE MARKETS AREN'T GOING TO DO THE JOB FOR US' is overlaid on the image. The words 'UNCHALLENGED' and 'POLITICIANS' are in red, while the rest is in light blue.

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WHENEVER THEY CROSS THE
REDLINES WE WILL STOP THEM



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AS THE COP21 DRAWS TO AN END
WE WILL HAVE THE LAST WORD

WITH OUR DISOBEDIENT BODIES
AND OUR DETERMINATION





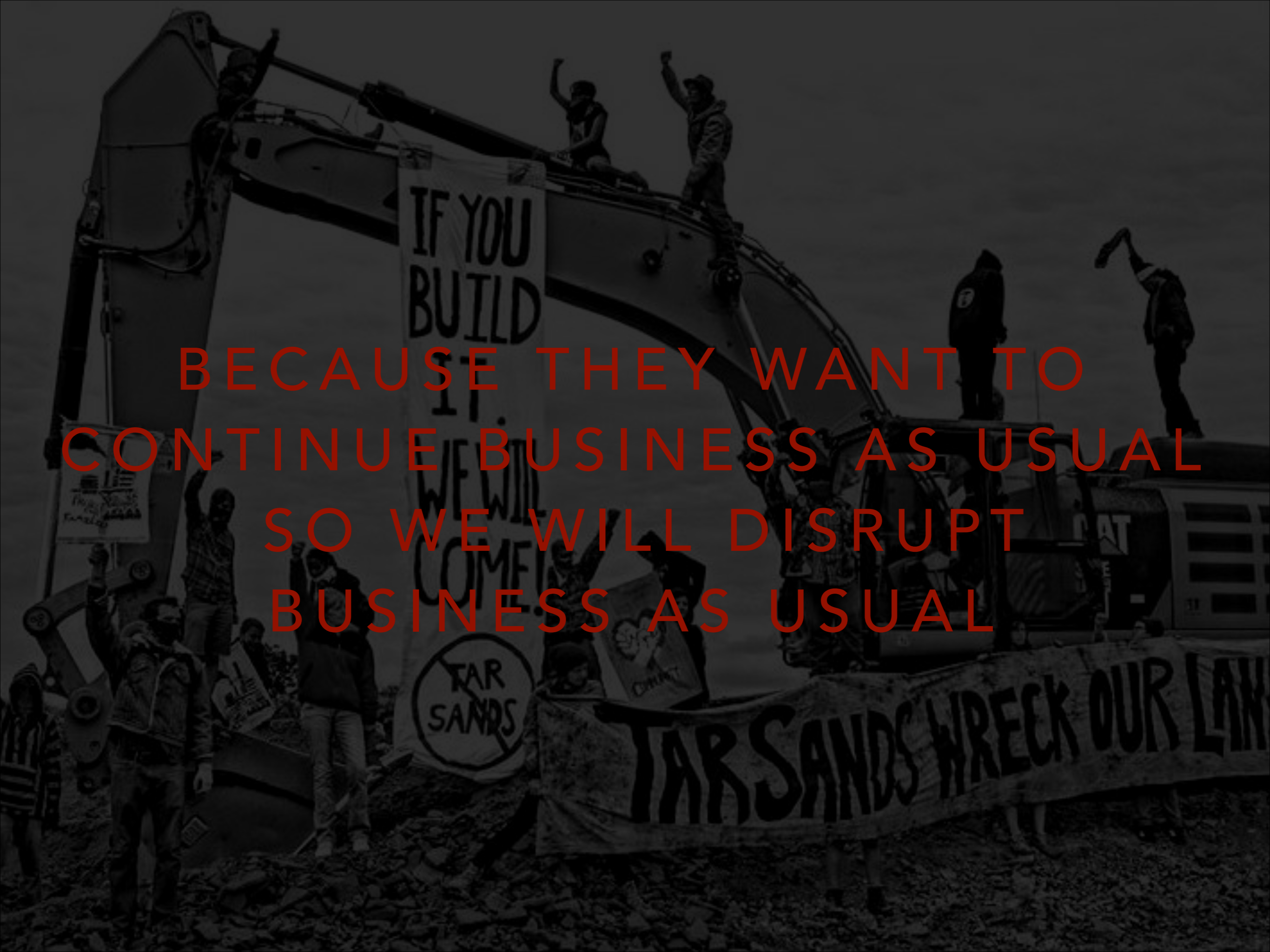
THEY WILL NOT DECIDE
OUR FUTURE

BECAUSE WE
HAVE THE
SOLUTIONS





WHY ARE WE
DOING THIS?



BECAUSE THEY WANT TO
CONTINUE BUSINESS AS USUAL
SO WE WILL DISRUPT
BUSINESS AS USUAL

The COP is a part of the climate puzzle, it's not even the most important part, but on Dec 11th-12th, it will be the focus of the world's attention. We need to go where the story is unfolding. The movements cannot end up as a media footnote. We need to make the front pages of the news with an action that clearly rejects any deal that crosses our **Red Lines**.



TO TELL OUR
STORY

For [D12](#) a uniquely diverse coalition (from NGOs to unions, faith groups to radical collectives) is supporting civil disobedience. This has never happened before. On [D12](#) thousands, many of whom have never taken this kind of action, will show the climate justice movements' determination, leadership and commitment to tackle the crisis. It will set the scene for a wave of mass disobedience in 2016, when people around the world will act together once again to challenge the root causes of climate chaos.



TO BUILD OUR
MOVEMENTS

The **Red lines** are the minimal necessities for a just and liveable planet. More specifically:
Sustainable energy transformation / Justice for impacted people / The right to food and water.

In order to avoid dangerous climate change we know we must keep at least 80% of known fossil fuel reserves in the ground. We must completely decarbonise our economy before 2050, with a peak in emissions by 2020. Keeping these fuels in the ground is our movement's red line. A minimal necessity for a just and liveable planet.



**BECAUSE RED LINES
ARE NOT FOR CROSSING**

HOW ARE WE DOING IT?



1. PREPARATION

A black and white photograph of a woman sitting at a table, focused on drawing on a large sheet of paper. She is using a marker to draw thick, black outlines of various shapes, including circles and irregular polygons. The table is covered with many such sheets of paper, some of which have the letters 'S', 'R', and 'E' written on them. In the background, there are shelves with various items, including a coffee cup and some papers. A banner with the word 'ORGANIZING' is visible on the wall behind her.

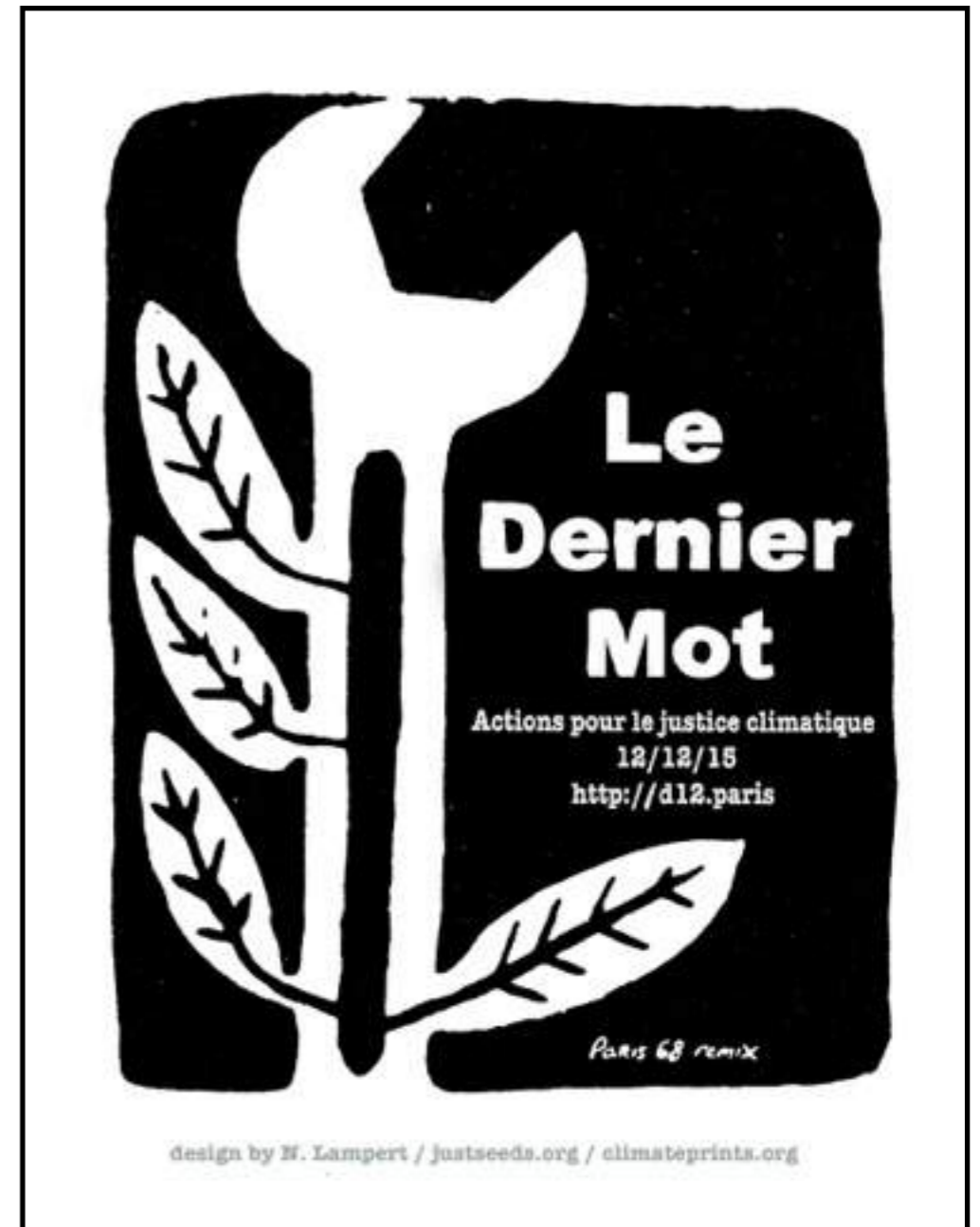
2. ACTION

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PREPARATION

THE ACTION CONSENSUS

An action consensus has been agreed by the Coalition Climat 21. All those taking action as part of the Redlines on D12 are asked to keep to the consensus of determined disobedience using non-violent methods and not escalating police violence. (see appendix)



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THE PROMISE

An online Pledge can be signed by people anonymously or with their real names. This is not a requirement but it helps ascertain numbers of participants and will enable us to contact you if needed.

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Trainings across Europe and in Paris between 7-11 Dec daily at the Zone Action Climat and other action spaces.

TRAININGS

To build confidence and skills in civil disobedience techniques, to inform of the legal implications and form affinity groups (with longer term potential)



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ART ACTION BUILD

People making things together is one of the best ways of building trust and a sense of collective purpose. From mid November a huge art action space (l'Atelier des Possible @ Le Jardin D'Alice, 19 rue Garibaldi, Montreuil) will be open for building tools for action together.



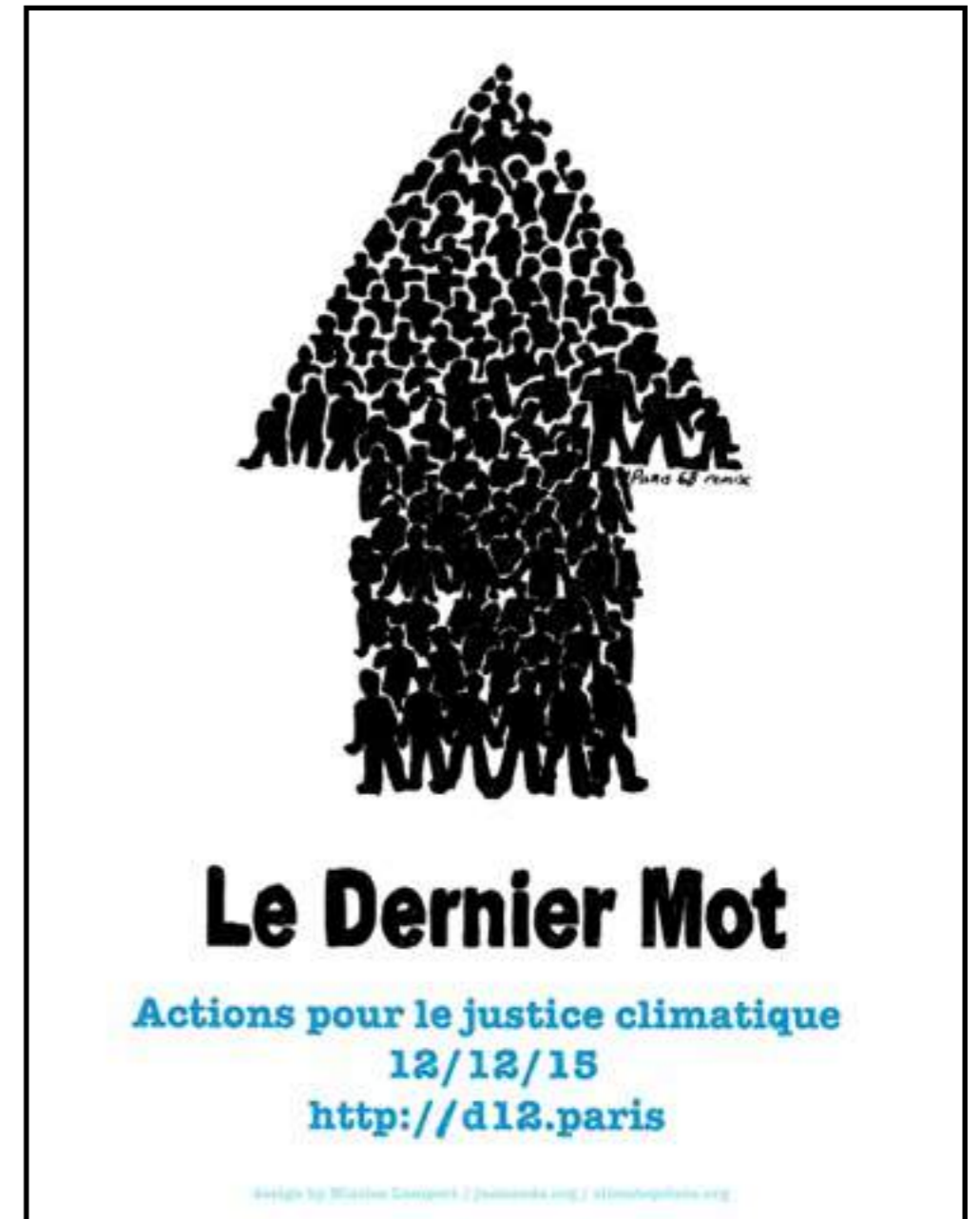
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ACTION

TIMING

We ask those coming to Paris to be there by 12 noon on Friday Dec 11 for a final briefing and preparation. There will be several briefing spaces including at La Zone Action Climat (104, Rue d'Aubervilliers, 75019 Paris).

The Redlines action will begin at sunrise (8.30am) on Saturday UNLESS the summit finishes on Friday, (in 20 years of negotiations it has never finished on time) in which case plan B goes into swing and the action begins immediately after the briefings on Friday afternoon.

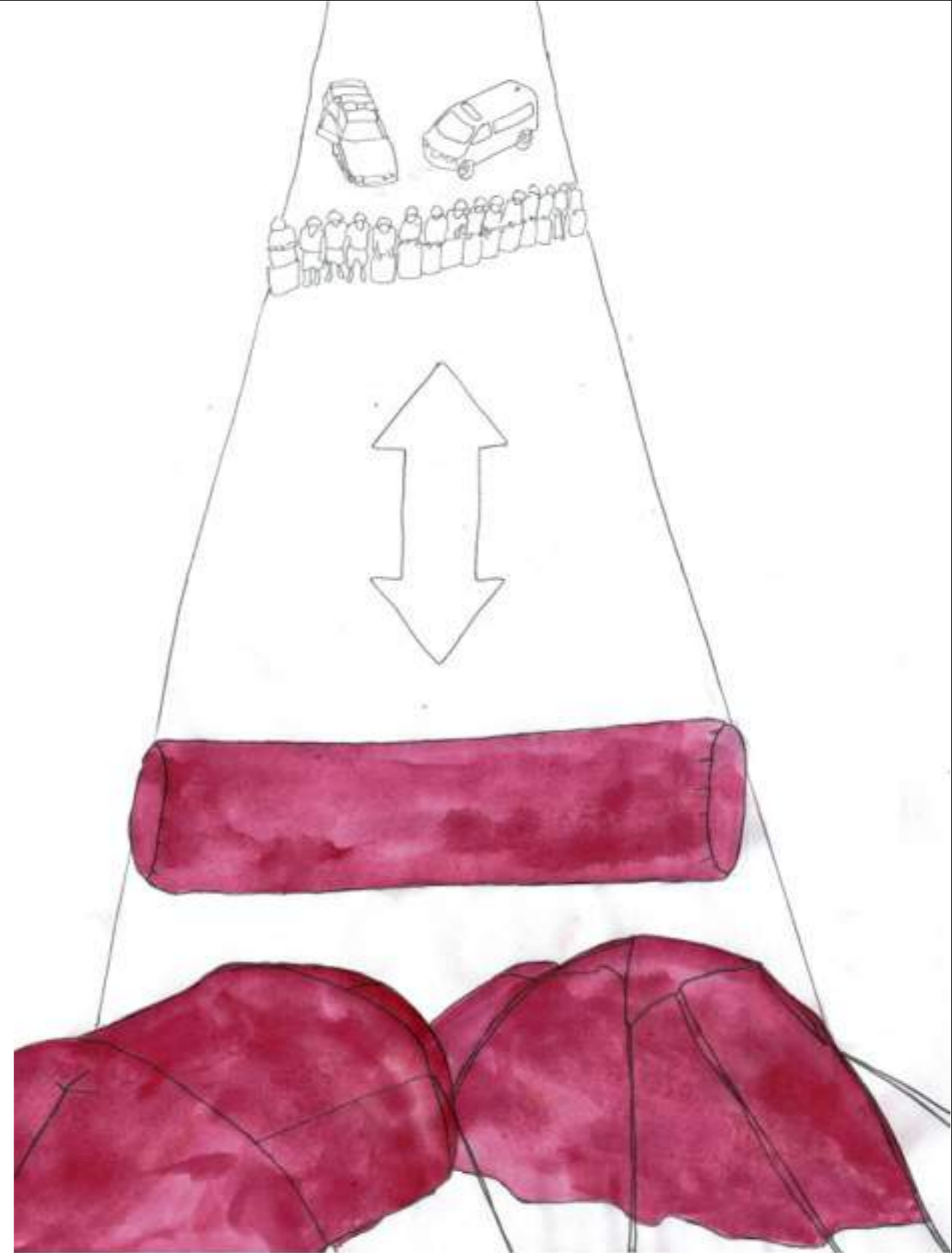


DETERMINED DISOBEDIENCE

TACTICS

OCCUPATION AND DISRUPTION

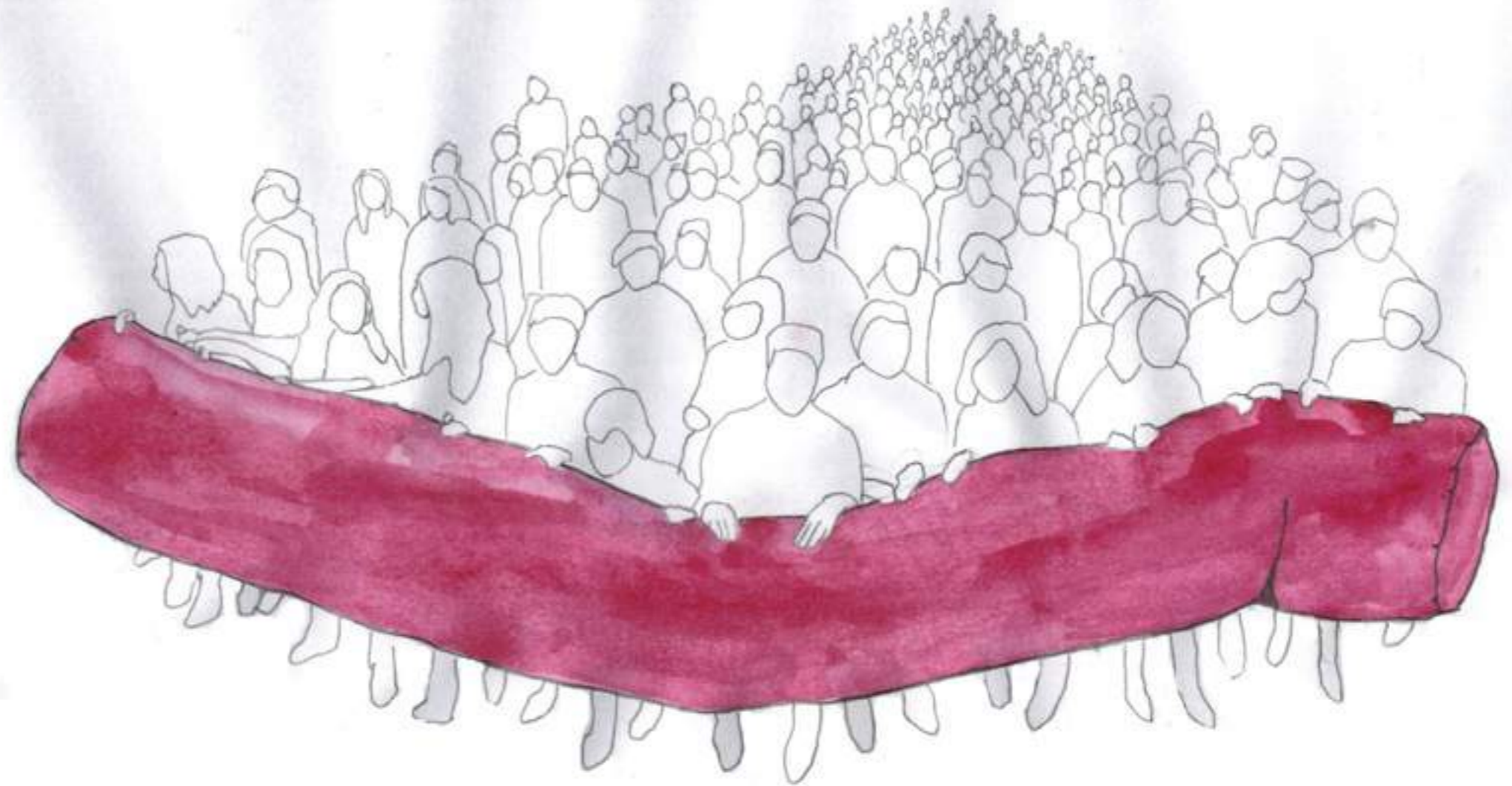
- Our objective is not to get into the conference centre but to lay down the redlines around the site and occupy public space with our disobedient bodies.
- We will not try and break through Police lines but keep our distance and put them in a dilemma position - will they decide to use violence against us with the eyes of the world's media on them given the French state's desire for a totally controlled and smooth summit ?



DETERMINED DISOBEDIENCE

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

BEGINNING: At sunrise (8.30am) people will meet up in several different locations (kept secret until the final moment) and march together in 5 fingers (groups of up to 800 people) towards key locations around Le Bourget to occupy them with inflatables, tents, tractors, food kitchens etc. We hope that one of the marches, the Toxic Tour group, will be a legal march.



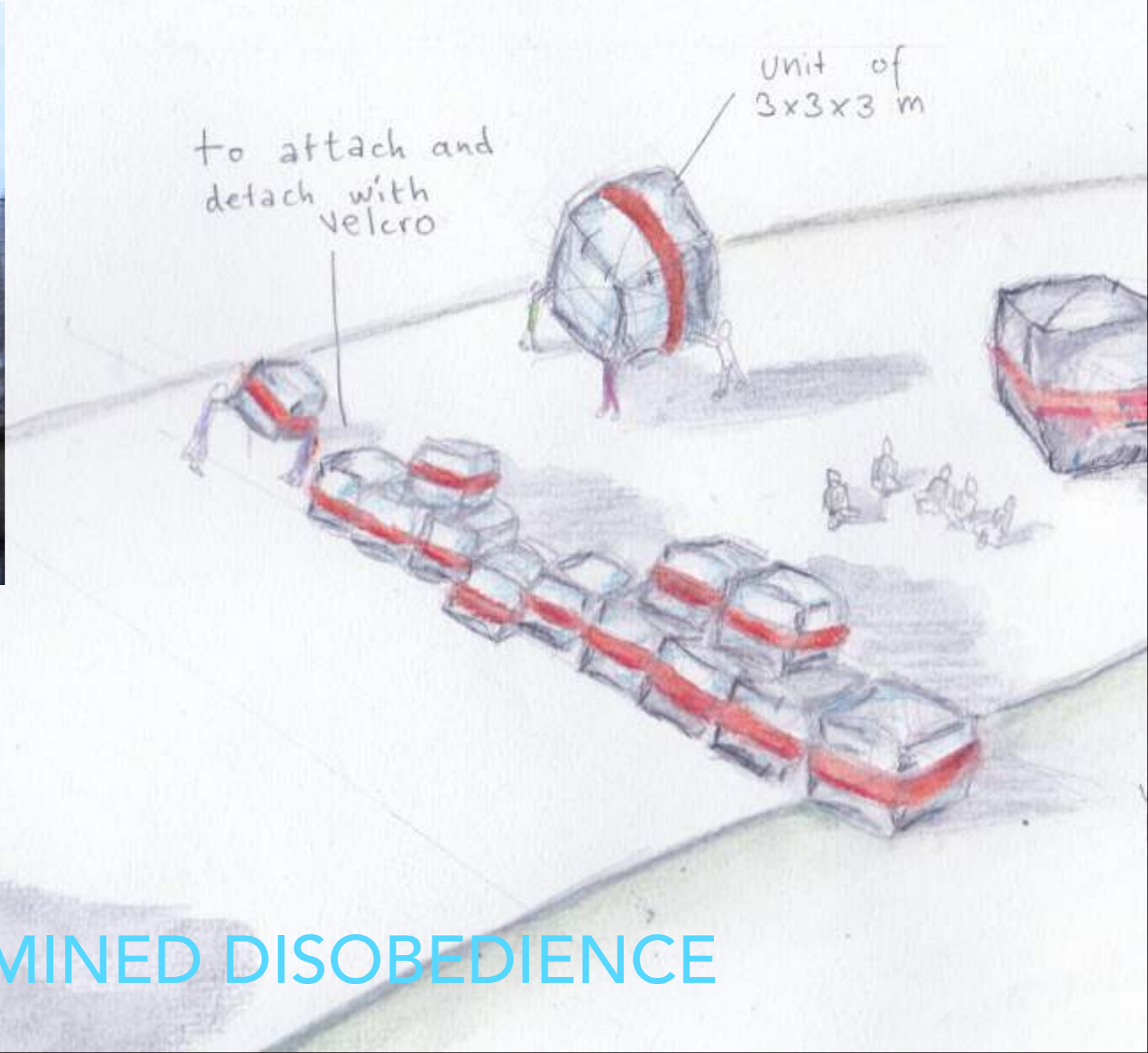
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others will swoop
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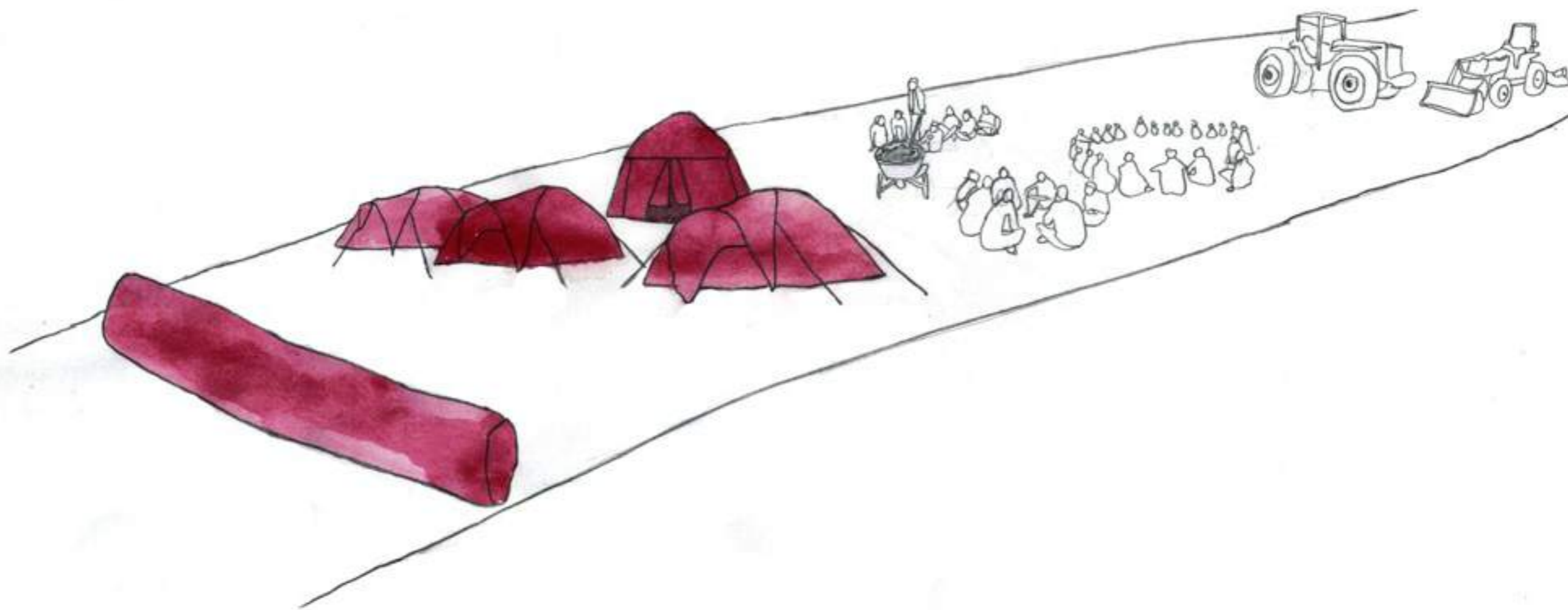
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We will emphasise creative ways of occupying public space including using hundreds of large inflatables which will be collectively built during the art action build workshops.



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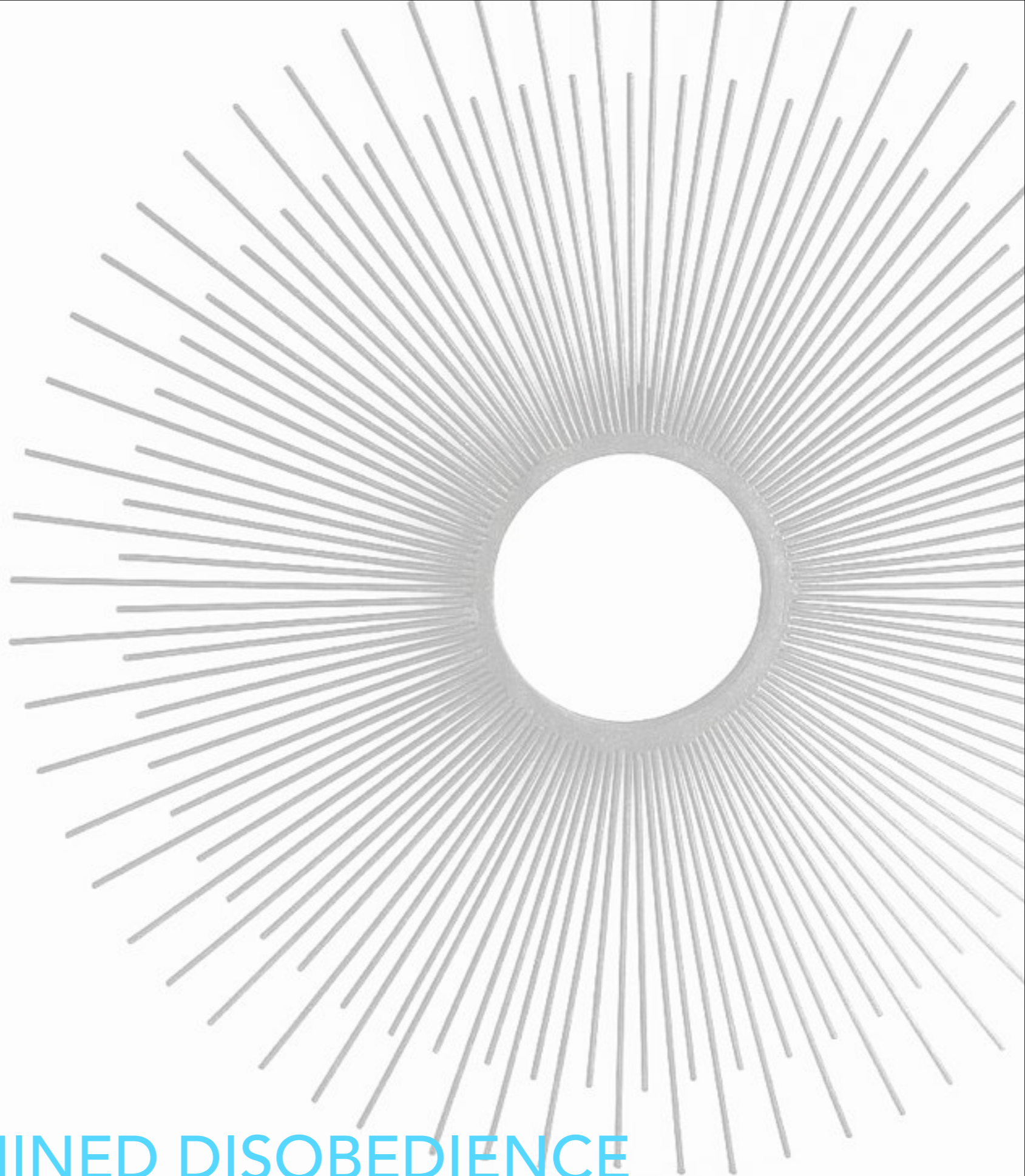
MIDDLE: Once the occupations are set up, workshops will be held discussing where the redlines will be drawn during the 2016 actions. We will share stories of frontline struggles and occupy the public space.



DETERMINED DISOBEDIENCE

END: We will all leave together, our backs turned on the COP, a star burst into a future of actions not words.

Many will go to join the convergence moment in Place de La République.



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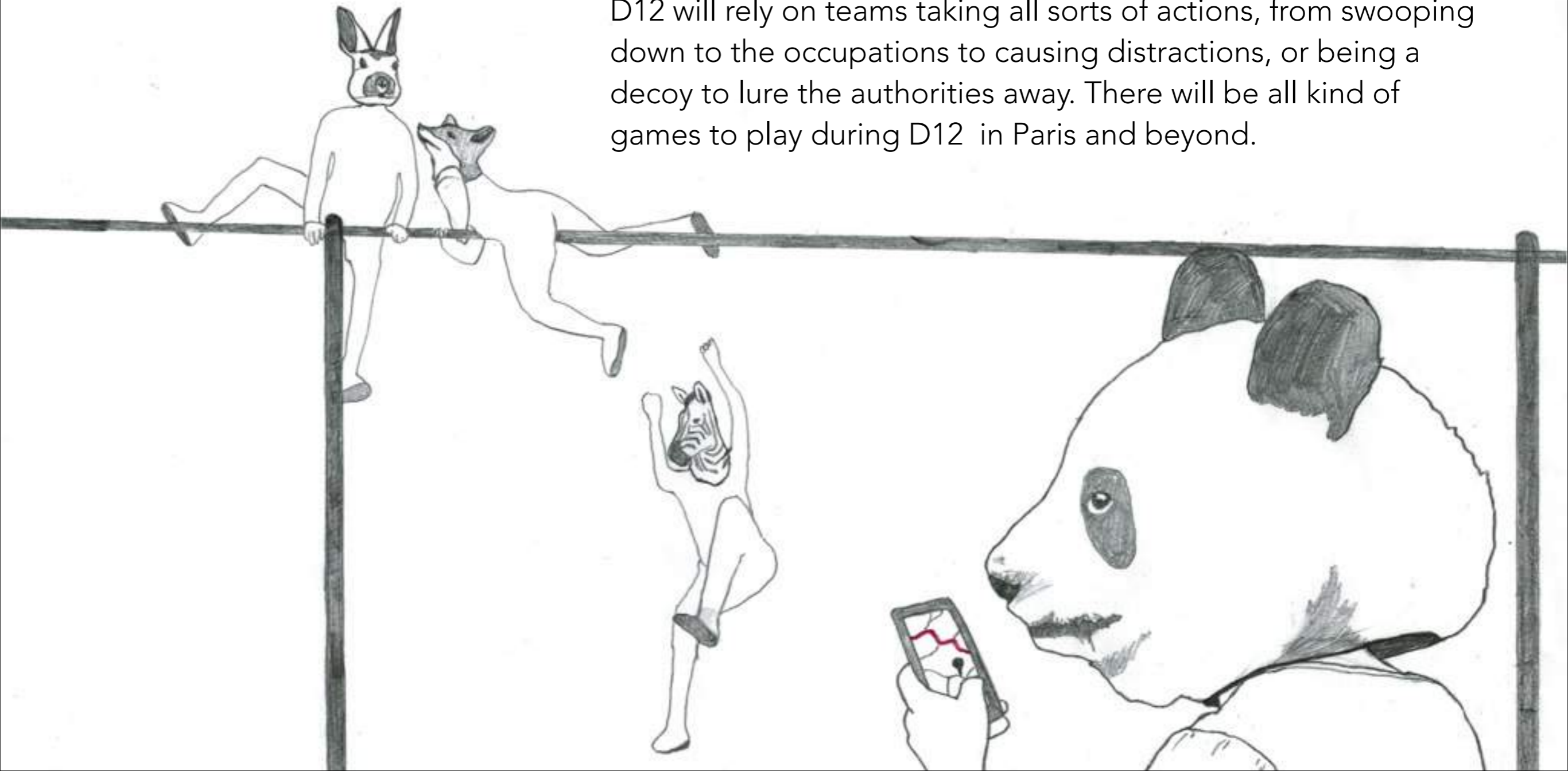
HOW DO THE
CLIMATE
GAMES FIT
WITH A
MASS
ACTION LIKE
D12?



AN ACTION TOOL

Climate games is a tool to enable teams (affinity groups) to coordinate their movements and crowdsource information about the terrain as well as see where targets and authorities are.

D12 will rely on teams taking all sorts of actions, from swooping down to the occupations to causing distractions, or being a decoy to lure the authorities away. There will be all kind of games to play during D12 in Paris and beyond.



A group of approximately ten people are standing in a line on a dark street at night. They are holding up large, rectangular signs that are illuminated from within, spelling out the words "CARBON FREE" in all caps. The people are dressed in casual, dark clothing. In the background, several bicycles are parked, and the overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the glowing signs.

CARBON FREE

WHAT DOES IT
MEAN TO WIN?

Our win is to take the world stage during the COP21 to shift the focus away from the negotiators towards the movements. We will show that we are prepared to use determined disobedience and that this is a movement moving forward to escalate actions in 2016 for a Global Blockadia.

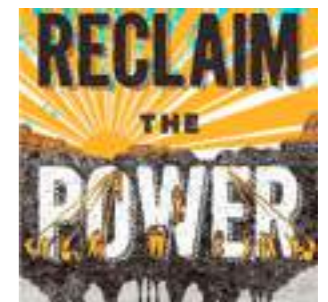
A large flock of birds, possibly geese, is flying in a V-formation against a dark, overcast sky. The birds are silhouetted against the lighter sky, creating a dense, textured pattern. In the background, several high-voltage power lines and towers are visible, stretching across the horizon. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, suggesting a late evening or early morning setting.

HOW DO I GET
INVOLVED ?

1. Book your trip to Paris (to stay 11-13th arrive by noon on the 11th if possible) or plan a redline action at home. There are many buses/trains/bike rides being planned already. Check your local groups for details.
2. Get trained up in Nonviolent Disobedience, go here: <http://act.350.org/signup/climate-justice-training-requests/> or email isa@350.org
3. Sign up to say you are coming to Paris here: www.d12.paris
4. Get an affinity group together or come to one of the Climate Games speed dating events in Paris where you will be matched to an affinity group.

“The redlines idea strikes just the right balance between ‘shut it down’ and ‘do your job’, I also think that it is strong enough to grab the narrative, which will be critical if governments try to sell a bad deal as a success.”

Naomi Klein. The Guardian, "Activists promise largest climate civil disobedience ever at Paris summit."



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THE CLIMATE GAMES

MAKING
HISTORY
NEVER
STARTS BY
ASKING
PERMISSION...





CONTRE
L'AÉROPORT
ET SON MONDE

APPENDIX:
ACTION CONSENSUS AND FAQ

THE ACTION CONSENSUS

- We are the ones we've been waiting for – action principles for D12
- On december 12th, we will meet in the streets of Paris for a day of mass mobilisation and actions.
- Why on the 12th ? While those who represent world governments will leave COP21 it is important to show that we're determined to keep on with our mobilizations, resistances and commitments beyond the COP. In order to build a just and sustainable future, we need to amplify, strengthen and multiply our movement. It should enable everyone to find his or her place, especially those who are already affected by climate change.
- We want to have the last word: we will proceed throughout the day with calm and determination, with a spirit of construction and resistance.
- We are the ones we've been waiting for: we belong to very diverse organisations and collectives. This diversity is both our wealth and our strength, and we hold it dear. We all pledge to respect this action consensus, which is the guarantee that we will care for our diversity and thus strengthen our movement.
- We're here to last, we are the solution: we are mobilizing to build a liveable, sustainable and just future. Some of our actions might target symbolic places or buildings. We won't deteriorate anything. We will only use non-violent and pacifist methods and tactics to show our determination, but won't contribute to escalation. We are committed to guarantee the safety of the people that will be on the site of our actions. Through our presence, our mass and our cohesion, we will show that we are the solution.
- We strive to build a sustainable and just future: we will oppose any attempts trying to use our mobilisation for reactionary, nationalist or violent goals. We are building on decades of struggles and mobilisations for climate justice and stand with the global movements for the climate and transition; and we stand with all of those who fight against any form of domination and injustice.

FAQ

Q. Aren't you disrupting incredibly important talks?

A. No. Negotiators can still talk. Our intention is not to disrupt them, but to create space for an alternative story to be told. To re-focus the public's attention away from the brackets and commas of the negotiating halls and on to people taking committed action now and leading the real charge to stop the climate crisis. If all goes to plan it will create a sense of tension inside the talks, possibly helping to support poor country delegations. Some African delegations are interested in the redlines ideas for their own actions inside the COP.

Q: What do we want to achieve?

A. At CoP15 in Copenhagen 2009 the only thing that world governments managed to agree upon was that warming must be limited to a 2 degrees. Key to achieving this target is to ensure that at least 80% of fossil fuels stay in the ground. By completely decarbonising our economy by 2050 at the latest. It's clear even now that any deal coming out of Paris will fall way short of catalysing the action needed to ensure that happens, so it's up to us as a movement to take the lead.

Q: But I'm not in Paris

A. We need as many people in Paris as possible, so please do come if at all possible. You need to be there as early as possible on Friday at the latest. It's going to be an historic moment that you don't want to miss out on. If you can't come to Paris though you can use the redlines concept at home, to highlight a local struggle or resistance effort against a project that can't go ahead in a 2 degree world and lay down a mark that says we will come back in spring 2016. Don't forget to document what you do and share it with the world using the Climate Games platform/app.

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A. We don't agree. We are not cheering negotiators on. This is a more critical engagement than ignoring the talks, and more specific than asking vaguely to 'save the climate' with a FAB (Fair, Ambitious and Binding) deal that was central to the NGO approach last time around. This is no Copenhagen moment of falsely raised hope in a process that before the talks begin is obviously not going to deliver what's needed. , but a moment of reflection on the reality of what action is required, how far the world's governments are from it and the role of the climate moving in making it happen.

After the talks, whatever is decided, we're all going to have to work together to avoid those red lines being crossed. By clearly stating what is required, and using the action to bring together social movements, I key aspect to activities in Paris this year is to prepare the ground for meaningful action post-COP21, through 2016.

Q. How will the final list of necessities (Earth's red lines) be decided?

A: The short answer is this is still in discussion - one proposal is that the organising groups decide that there is one main line (eg. Don't go over 2 degrees or keep fossil fuels in the ground) and that many others are brought by other groups, everyone has a red line that the negotiations is likely to cross. Be that regarding finance, equity, emissions, justice or otherwise.

Q: Are the redlines demands?

A: No. The redlines are not demands. They are simply minimal requirements for a livable planet that we need to work towards, or stop others crossing in order to have a safe and just future.

FAQ

Q. Is there capacity to organise such a mobilisation ?

A: Yes. But to make it a success we'll need all of the support we can get. The more we are the better, but total number isn't everything. As the action passed through consensus at the last Coalition21 meeting, the groups planning on mobilising predicted around 5000 people could come for the actions. If well-trained and coordinated we think this would be enough to shift the focus away from the negotiators and onto the movement. The success of Ende Gelände the German coal mine shut down in August shows that there is a rising cross border movement prepared to take determined disciplined disobedience. We think the clear narrative of the Red lines gives further legitimacy to the movements. Civil Disobedience trainings are underway already and will help pave the road for a disciplined, broad and impactful moment of disobedience from a broad coalition bigger than any seen before.

Q. Won't any action in or near La Bourget bring a heavy police response?

A. That's certainly possible. Effective action will often lead to such a response. The head of security for the summit is rumoured to have said that he would rather our movements target places other than the Bourget on D12. French police are renowned for violent repression, last year a young ecological activists was killed by a concussion grenade. It's certain that the French State will not want a repeat of this and the risk of diplomatic incident that ruins their party. However the French Public order strategies are not used to non-violent direct actions and civil disobedience, this will make it difficult to police using their normal crowd control techniques. But the action is out in the open, there will be an 'action consensus' that agrees to avoid escalation and with the world's media watching any police violence will mar the talks thus putting the French state into classic dilemma position.

FAQ

Q. What about the threat of a violence ?

A. All groups participating in actions in D12 and wanting solidarity from those groups, will be acting within an already agreed upon 'Action Concensus'. This is a document has been co-written by many of the actors/ organisations taking part in an act of disobedience which outlines the modes of action that are planned to take place and which all the participants must commit to respect. The purpose of this consensus is to enable mass participation from a diversity of people, calls for determined disciplined disobedience, no property destruction and rules out tactics which provoke escalation by police (see appendix). Police violence cannot be ruled out of course, but we are clear from the start that it won't be us causing it.

Q. Do we have supporters inside.

A. A number of people who are working inside the negotiations are starting to talk about supporting the redlines and taking some kind of action within the summit, these range from southern poor countries negotiators to NGO's. For security reasons they cannot be named here otherwise they would lose their access passes.