DIGNITY “JORNALERA”:
Basic income as a tool to dignify the work of landless peasants.

Abstract
The south of Spain suffers an ancestral situation of concentration of the land-ownership. The structural “latifundismo” (land-ownership system based on large estates) of Extremadura and Andalucía has been a constant source of conflicts between owners and “jornaleros” (peasants without land).

This unfair distribution of land ownership is reinforced by a Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) that harms small and medium-sized farmers. The intensification and mechanization of crops in recent years has left tens of miles of “jornaleros” out of work.

This situation makes it extremely difficult for these “jornaleros” to comply with the conditions that the Spanish state puts in order to receive aid in the time of inactivity. Official statistics show how the number of recipients of such aid declines every year.

The reality is that thousands of these “jornaleros” are unemployed, landless and without social protection for what leaves few alternatives apart from emigration.

From the confederal group of the Unidos Podemos-En Marea- En Comú Podem of the Congress of the Deputies of Spain we are carrying a cape through the villages of the south the “Route Dignidad Jornalera” to change the restrictive conditions of access to the aid for landless peasants in the direction of an agrarian basic income that covers the vital needs of these workers.

This measure is complementary to others such as the creation of a land bank, CAP reform aimed at generating employment, flexibility in hygienic sanitary conditions for the transformation and sale of small productions and others that have been working since our parliamentary group.
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