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Note: the hungry have been going their separate ways since Monday. Here the majority of the group that is ending the strike is communicating. We are not speaking on behalf of the people in the announced dry hunger strike.

#takethechair: The "hunger strike of the last generation" becomes the uprising of the many

Three more young people end starvation after 23 days / Their message: we no longer wait for politics incapable of action / Big public uprising tomorrow, Thursday, without politics, but with everyone else: #takethechair / Details to follow

Berlin. Wednesday, 22 September 2021. After more than three weeks of hunger strike, the sobering result is: the candidates for chancellor are unable or unwilling to speak and act in the face of the climate catastrophe. Until recently, there was no willingness for a public discussion. If we were to continue - we would die in favour of a cold, unimaginative political 'business as usual', which will be fatal for all life on earth.

That is why the hungry have ended their hunger strike. After Lina Eichler and Mephisto, who had already stopped starving after a stay in hospital on Sunday, Jacob Heinze, Rumen Grabow and Simon Helmstedt have now also started eating again to regain their strength. They have lost up to ten kilos each.

They no longer make their lives and the struggle for the future of the next generation dependent on the non-decisions of a few politicians, but take the departure into their own hands: "We will no longer wait for politics. We must no longer serve the broken, destructive system in the hope of politics. We have waited far too long."

#takethechair - Three chairs will be left vacant, take them

Thursday 23 September - this is the date we have proposed to the Chancellor candidates to talk to us about our disastrous future. We have promised to keep a chair free for them at this discussion until the very end. We know that these chairs will remain empty.

That is why we call on all people to take those chairs - physically or symbolically. Young, old, influential and not-yet-influential, experienced and newly active, parents and grandparents. Everyone who sees that there is no future like this. We want lots of people who take lots of chairs,

who get going, who listen to science, who tackle what is necessary. Politics is not ready to look the crisis in the eye. But society is ready. And it is to them that we turn after more than 20 days of hunger strike.

"Hope does not lie in politics," says spokesperson Hannah Lübbert. "The hope is in the people who stop waiting, stop accepting 'business as usual' and fight for change everywhere, in all ways." Together, we thus also call for a global climate strike on 24.9, and appeal to people to take action beyond that.

Politicians are leaving the chairs empty. Take them. #takethechair

The hunger strike began 24 days ago with the "Declaration of the Last Generation". It says: *"Dear fellow human beings, please listen to us! We are the last generation that is still capable of acting. There is only this one planet for survival. [...] Our climate is heating up and our ecosystems are breaking down. Corruption and concentration of power in the hands of a few rob us of any hope for change. Profits are being made every minute by selling out our future."*

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