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TOPtoTOP Global Climate Expedition **An United Nations Environment Program supported initiative** **from 26th of October till 9th of November 2003 on Gomera Island**

International expedition aims to focus attention on global climate change by scaling the Seven Summits

*After the highest TOP on Europe, Mont Blanc the expedition travels to Croatia by mountain bike to where its yacht, the Pacha Mama (Mother Earth, named after a UNEP environment initiative) took them to Gibraltar, the Canary Islands and **Gomera**. Thereafter, the expedition will make their way via the Caribbean and the Panama Canal and Hawaii towards the second continent, North America, for the ascent of Mount McKinley in Alaska. From there the expedition will continue to Mount Vinson in Antarctica, the Aconcagua in South America, Mount Kosciusko in Australia, Mount Everest in Asia, Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mount Elbrus in Europe and back to Mont Blanc in 2007..*

TOPtoTOP is the first ever non-stop “Seven Summits” expedition that will be completed using only human and natural energy resources. The expedition is one of the largest ever undertaken and is organised by an international group of voluntary members of the TOPtoTOP organisation, who will travel the world in the next four years, scaling the highest mountains on each of the seven continents, relying only on human power and nature’s force to do so. The team, consisting of two full-time expedition members and a growing group of part-time volunteers from all over the world, will sail from continent to continent, travel from shore to base camp by mountain bike and then hike and climb to the summit. The aim of this elaborate expedition is to focus attention on one of the most challenging ecological problems facing the world today: global climate change.

TOPtoTOP has chosen this expedition as an adventurous means to create an awareness of this problem, inform the public of its potential consequences and inspire the world to research and support lasting, environmentally friendly solutions. To expand the reach of this expedition and its aim, TOPtoTOP is working closely with the media, scientists and business worldwide. The organisation hopes that people will be inspired to take action once they become aware of the global richness in natural beauty and the very real threat it is under.

That’s why TOPtoTOP decided to visit the unique Island Gomera. On the 3th and 4th of October TOPtoTOP present climate solutions to more than 100 children of the “Colegio Infantil y Primaria Ruiz de Padron” in San Sebastian de la Gomera”.

During the TOPtoTOP visit on Gomera Francisco J. Darias and Antonio Javier Tujillo Bernal (Consejero de Medio Ambiente) presents sustainability related projects and solutins in San Sebastian and on the Isalnd.

On the 28th of October at 10 h, TOPtoTOP does a beach-cleaning-action near San Sebastian and a press conference at 13 h in the “Cabildo Insular de la Gomera”!

To all events the media is warmly welcome! Get in touch with Dario Schwörer (see below).

For further information and live updates on the expedition’s progress, please visit the TOPtoTOP website at www.toptotop.org

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