I. Global Power arrangements

MNCs G7

(multinational corporations) (First world governments)

Third world elites

International agreements

(GATT, NAFTA, FTAA)

International organizations

(World Trade Organization, International

Monetary Fund, World Bank)

US military, national militaries and

police, and paramilitary

A. Goal: create a global environment that is conducive

to profit taking of MNCs.

1. extraction of cheap natural resources

2. access to cheap labor

3. “free trade”

a. no subsidies

b. no tariff barrier

4. open markets

5. intellectual property rights

B. Method: economic imperialism (neo-colonialism)

1. Support TW elites

a. economic aid

b. military aid

c. interventions: covert and overt

d. historically these elites are dictators

e. example: Chile, Indonesia, Congo, Iran

2. Put country in debt

a. “developmental loans/aid” through international institutions

b. beneficiaries

i. elite

ii. mnc’s via infrastructure

d. irony

i. 40% of WB loans for coal and oil

ii. US aid

iii. aid vs repayment

3. Demand “structural adjustment”

a. privatize profitable industries

b. privatize government services

i. water

ii. transportation

iii. fire, police

iv. education

c. monocrop farming for export

i. “cash” crops

ii. pesticides

iii. fertilizer

iv. machinery

v. irrigation

d. open economy to foreign investment

e. no subsidies to or protections for local businesses

f. accept intellectual property rights

4. Environment for sweatshops

a. no unions or labor organizers

b. no OSHA

c. no environmental laws

d. low wages

e. export processing zones

4. Accept decisions of WTO and NAFTA Tribunals

a. decisions regarding “trade” disputes (incl “non-tariff barriers”)

1. environmental regulations

ii. OSHA

1. professional standards

iv. minimum wage

b. secret hearings

c. no conflict of interest rules

d. no appeal

E. Mal-development

1. inequality

1. poverty
2. hunger
3. disease

5. environmental destruction

6. Planet of Slums

a. largest demographic movement in history

b. consequence: megacities

c. T W megacities

i. 40%-60% in shantytowns

ii. location: steep hills, river beds, garbage dumps, toxic dumps

iii. natural disasters and occupants

d. informal labor force

F. Resistance

1. Seattle, Quebec City, Washington, Genoa,

South Africa

2. Groups: human rights, worker rights, environmental, anti-sweatshop, labor org