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Indigenous Amazon demands States and international organizations to take action against extractivist policies

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The indigenous peoples of the Amazon basin, through different spaces and actions, have been constantly warning of the serious situation in which our mother nature finds herself due to the extractivist system that governs today's society, a warning that has been confirmed by science.

We have evidenced the urgent need to take action in favor of the planet in international spaces such as the last IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2021 and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - COP26, warning that the Amazon has entered a point of no return and, that in order to maintain its ecological functions and fulfill its role as a global climate regulator, we must protect at least 80% of this forest within a period no longer than 2025, threatening not only the disappearance of the life of indigenous peoples, but the life of the planet itself; However, the States and organizations involved have not expressed a solid commitment and have not been able to efficiently mitigate the effects of climate change at a global level.

The study of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - IPCC has demonstrated and disseminated that the management of indigenous peoples and territorial communities in the use and enjoyment of their rights over their territory, is the only viable solution for the planet, since other actions and mechanisms undertaken to mitigate climate change have not worked and the climate crisis is worsening.

The governments, who should attend to our demands, act with anti-indigenous measures, becoming accomplices in the destruction of the Amazon and through concessions that fail to comply with the legal framework and constitutional rights, which, divide grassroots, regional and national organizations to achieve their policies of "irresponsible investment promotion", expansion of the agricultural and extractivist frontier over the territorial rights of indigenous peoples.

Consequently, we call on countries, civil society, non-governmental organizations, academia, productive sectors, scientists and philanthropists, the whole world, to join the indigenous peoples of the Amazon basin to undertake a campaign for the real protection of the Amazon, to implement urgent actions and move from protest to proposal and with it to a joint action.

To achieve these goals, from the Coordinating Committee of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin - COICA, **WE DEMAND:**

1. To the governments of Suriname, Guyana and French Guyana, the recognition of indigenous peoples within their legislation, adopting in a binding manner the international regulations in force.
2. The mechanisms of climate finance are energized and the needs of the Amazonian peoples are attended to in order to combat the drivers of deforestation.

3. Mechanisms for moratoriums or cancellation of debts and restructuring of the multilateral financial architecture should be agreed upon to facilitate the removal of extractive value chains from Amazonian indigenous territories.

4. That the commitment adopted at COP 26 by countries and private donors to support with 1.7 billion dollars for the protection of indigenous territories in the next four years be facilitated as a matter of urgency, guaranteeing that indigenous governance is part of the planning and implementation process of the resources destined for the Amazon, generating its own mechanisms and intelligent solutions so that the resources arrive in the necessary proportion and directly to the indigenous peoples, to the resilient Amazon.

5. That the use and enjoyment of the collective and territorial rights of indigenous peoples be guaranteed, as established in international treaties, declarations and national constitutions, mainly consultation and free, prior and informed consent in a binding manner in the governments of the Amazon basin.

6. That multilateral spaces such as the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization - ACTO and the Leticia Pact be activated according to their objectives, efficiently integrating regional indigenous governance in their planning and work tables.

7. That each country in the Amazon Basin facilitates the processes of demarcation, recognition, titling and expansion of indigenous territories, as well as the recognition of the indigenous peoples' own territorial management mechanisms in the Amazon Basin.

8. That global society, in its process of mandatory ecological transition, consider value chain mechanisms that recognize the products and services that can be offered by the indigenous economy as a solution to the excessive consumerism that has put us in the current crisis situation.

9. Finally, we call on our brothers and sisters at the grassroots and communities to defend their territory and to warn of any intrusion and disturbance that affects their rights.

We invite our closest allies, the countries that have supported us and the general public to subscribe to this declaration and call to change the history of humanity once and for all.

Living Amazon, secure humanity.

Sincerely yours,

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