



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA), legitimately represented by its General Coordinator, Fany Kuiru Castro, in accordance with Resolution No. SGDPN-DRCPN-2023-0150-R issued by the Secretariat for Management and Development of Peoples and Nationalities on April 27, 2023, denounces before public opinion the serious attempts to impersonate the Legal Representative of COICA by Mr. Tuntiak Patricio Katán Jua and Mr. Eddy Timias.

These individuals, linked to a faction that since the Lima Congress in September 2022 has acted in a subversive manner against the legal and institutional stability of COICA, seeking to impede the development of our work, have fraudulently used the name and image of our organization, pretending to present themselves as its representatives before the government of Ecuador without any authorization or official link. These actions not only confuse our communities and allies, but also constitute a serious threat to the integrity and prestige of our organization.

It is important to note that Mr. Tuntiak Patricio Katán Jua and Mr. Eddy Timias are currently facing legal proceedings in Ecuador for the misuse of COICA funds, which have not been duly justified. We believe that their attempts at impersonation are intended to evade their legal responsibilities.

We urge all government, administrative, executive, legislative, transparency, social control and judicial bodies of the Ecuadorian State to collaborate with us in verifying the authenticity of the information through our official channels.

COICA will immediately initiate the relevant legal actions against these individuals, in order to protect the good name of our institution and prevent these irregular acts from damaging its reputation.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and collaboration to stop the spread of false information and safeguard the integrity of our communities and the institution that represents the 511 indigenous peoples of the Amazon Basin.

