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COICA REAFFIRMS INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP AT COP30 AND DEMANDS CONCRETE DECISIONS HEADING INTO THE SECOND WEEK

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During the first week of COP30, the Coordinator of Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA) played an active and decisive role, bringing to the table the voice of communities that live and coexist with the forest, caring for it and sustaining life on a daily basis. Their proposals seek to ensure the full, effective, and binding participation of indigenous peoples in global climate decisions. The proposal is based on territorial, legal, and scientific evidence and responds to the emergency faced by Amazonian families and communities, whose territories—more than 86% of the biome—are already experiencing the consequences of extractive activities, according to the report *Amazonia in Danger of Extinction* (2025).



During various interventions in plenary sessions, side events, technical dialogues, bilateral meetings, and press conferences, COICA has demanded:

- Direct access to climate funds, through specific and operational windows in the GCF, the Adaptation Fund, and the Loss and Damage Fund, so that resources do not remain with intermediaries and reach those who care for the forest from their communities.
- Mandatory safeguards based on Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) and indigenous monitoring and governance systems, respecting the authority and norms that communities apply to protect their territory and future generations.
- Total and permanent prohibition of extractive activities in the territories of Indigenous Peoples in Isolation and Initial Contact (PIACI), guaranteeing their immediate intangibility, given that these populations live in voluntary isolation and any external intervention puts their lives and culture at risk.

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- Inclusion of intercultural indicators in the Global Adaptation Goal, reflecting what it means to live well in the forest: forest health, food security based on ancestral practices, transmission of culture, community monitoring, and real territorial participation.



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- Recognition of the Amazon Fund for Life (FAV) as a legitimate and territorial mechanism for channeling financing with direct indigenous governance, aligned with real needs and not external agendas.

COICA recalled that although indigenous peoples care for the forest, protect water, conserve seeds, and sustain biodiversity that benefits the planet, they receive less than 1% of global climate finance. It therefore demanded real mechanisms for direct, non-intermediated access that prioritize investments in solutions led by Amazonian communities themselves.

Ahead of the second week of negotiations, COICA calls for Decision 1/COP30 to translate these priorities into binding mandates and not just declarations. Indigenous voices are not consultative: they are essential for legitimacy, effectiveness, and climate justice.

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