

DECLARATION OF THE STRATEGIC TRANSBOUNDARY YURÚA/TAMAYA/JURUÁ MEETING: THREATS, PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMAZON BORDERLANDS OF PERU - BRAZIL

On 7 September 2022, in the city of Marechal Thaumaturgo, State of Acre, Brazil, Indigenous Asháninka, Ashéninka, Kuntanawa, Huni Kuin - Kaxinawá, Yaminahua and Shipibo Konibo peoples of the biodiversity rich Peruvian and Amazon borderlands including the Yurúa, Juruá, Ucayali and Tamaya watersheds, represented by their organizations OPIRJ, APIWTXA, Instituto Yorenka Tasorentsi, ORAU, ACONADIYSH, FECONAPU, ORDIM, ACCY and AACAPPY, gathered at the Strategic Transboundary Meeting with indigenous leaders, in response to threats to our territories and ways of life that we suffer on both sides of the Peruvian-Brazilian border, declare the following:

We, Indigenous Peoples, as ancestral owners of our lands, have always been engaged in the necessary struggles to defend our territories, the forests and their natural resources and our cultures, contributing to the health, balance and sustainability of the planet. We are not the only ones responsible for this task. That is why we call on everyone to join forces as we all have a general responsibility to guarantee life on our planet. Governments must especially assume their duty to the rights of Indigenous Peoples, to the environment and to civil society in order to enforce international environmental commitments that guarantee Indigenous rights and sustainability throughout the world.

We declare in this meeting at the Yorenka Tasorentsi Institute, our positions on the main threats that we currently suffer in our territories and we affirm that we will continue to fight against these:

- We have leaders who lost their lives defending their territories. And currently many leaders are being threatened for fighting for their territories and the rights of their people and communities. In spite of the denunciations and the knowledge of the administrators of justice in the Peru and Brazil, to this day there are no punishments for those guilty of these crimes. We demand that governments guarantee the lives of the leaders are fighting for the defense of Indigenous rights and the territories of their communities in general.
- At the moment, there are governmental road construction projects, one of them being transboundary, which put the security of all Indigenous territories and protected natural areas at risk due to the loss of our forests, the damage to our rivers, lakes and streams, the destruction of the existing biodiversity in the region and the opening of roads for drug trafficking and land traffickers, bringing various problems for our different communities.
- In addition, there are illegal roads being promoted by logging companies, illegal organizations in the Amazon borderlands of Brazil and Peru, which serve the same purpose and cause negative impacts.

- The increasing presence of drug trafficking, which today is associated with companies illegally exploiting natural resources and illegal land traffickers, is attracting young people from our Indigenous communities to work on the farms, in drug refining, construction of clandestine airstrips, and for the trafficking and sale of drugs. In addition to this, Indigenous girls are being driven into prostitution, which contributes to the destruction of life in the communities.
- Today we are aware of the existence of 57 clandestine airstrips in the region of the Ucayali, most in the province of Atalaya, for drug trafficking. These strips open the way for the exploration of natural resources and consequently the destruction of nature and all that it sustains.
- All these threats and violence increased the vulnerability of our territories to invaders and the practice of illegal activities, putting the physical and cultural survival of the region's Indigenous Peoples at permanent and serious risk.
- The states of Peru and Brazil are not guaranteeing quality health and education services for Indigenous Peoples in the region.
- There is no protection for the headwaters of the main rivers in the region such as the Yurúa/Juruá, Amonia, Arara, Tamaya, Breu, Beu, Huacapishtea, all in Peru, which are important sources of food for all the Indigenous Peoples of Peru, Brazil and for the population in general and are highly threatened by anthropogenic, extraction activities with a high level of environmental impact. Because of this, these headwaters urgently need to be protected jointly by both countries.

For the above reasons, we reached the following agreements:

- Denounce these impacts and threats in international courts.
- Promote transboundary meetings with the presence of both governments.
- Demand the protection of the headwaters of the main rivers in the region.
- Monitor and seek funding opportunities for the proposed initiatives.
- Denounce and stop roads and infrastructure projects in the borderlands that have no free, prior, and informed consent.
- Denounce and demand that the competent institutions combat and penalize illegal activities such as drug trafficking, illegal logging and others.
- Demand that threatened indigenous leaders have both sufficient guarantees for their survival and adequate defense of their lives.
- Demand free, prior and informed consent.
- Propose the official creation of an ethno-environmental protection corridor for the Yurúa/Juruá region.
- Monitor the funds destined for Indigenous Peoples that are channeled through the governments and are never implemented in the communities.

We, the Indigenous People, have never been poor, and we are the guardians of the greatest wealth in the world, so much so that today everyone invades our territories to appropriate our natural resources. And so, everyone needs to be aware of their actions, duties and responsibilities and act to safeguard the earth, through the conservation of the forests and the strengthening of our Indigenous cultures and territories.

Long live the Indigenous Peoples and the living forest!

We sign in agreement, on 7 September 2022.

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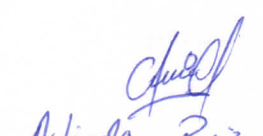
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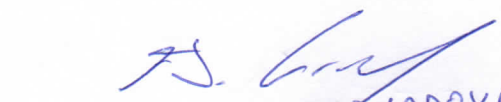
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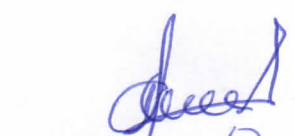
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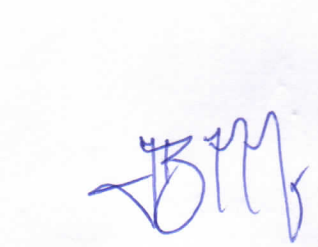

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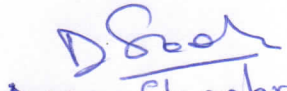

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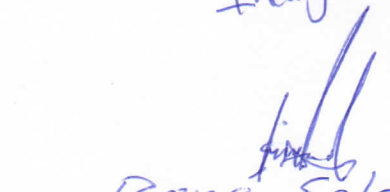

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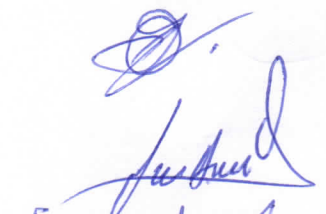

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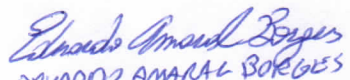

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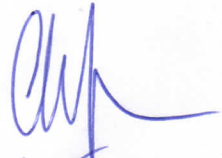
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