

## Declaration of Lima

Indigenous Peoples, communities and social organizations of the Abya Yala, brothers of Africa and Europe, children of Mother Earth, meeting in the Forum on Mining, Climate Change and Well-being, in the city of Lima, after three days of deliberations, declare:

### Considering that:

Indigenous Peoples and communities are bearers of the ancestral wisdom that has kept the planet safe during thousands of years; our knowledge and ancestral practices of reciprocity and complementarity with Mother Earth have constituted the values that have allowed a life in harmony that we call today Well-being - to Live Well (*Buen Vivir – Vivir Bien*). From the time of our grandparents, in our territories biodiversity is conserved.

Our life in harmony was broken when Western men with ambition for wealth occupied our territories and initiated the looting of nature, leaving death, contamination and diseases. Today the ambition and the looting continue by new transnational conquerors with the blessing of the governments of our countries that, under the myth of economic growth, promote irrational policies of extraction of resources of our territories, leaving poverty and contamination.

Our territories full of life and harmony have been converted into territories of contamination and poisoning of human health, into territories of militarization and criminalization of struggles, into territories of looting and poverty as a consequence of the extractivist policies guided by the governments. On the other hand, they have also been converted into territories of resistance, of struggle, of proposals and exercise of our rights, as are the communitarian consultations undertaken by our ancestral authorities in diverse countries of the continent.

The looting of natural goods has intensified in our times by the neoliberal offensive through free trade agreements between states, the terms of which violate our indigenous and collective rights protected in international treaties, like the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Convention 169 of the International Labour Organisation.

The exponentially growing Western consumption, the looting of our natural goods and the industrialization of the developed countries have generated a global climate crisis to which is joined a food crisis. The effects of global warming have increased the risks of vulnerability of our rights and are modifying our way of life that for millennia has depended on Mother Earth. Indigenous Peoples are those who contribute the least to global warming, we are those who suffer its worst consequences and are excluded from the international negotiation processes and processes for defining national policies.

The states come implementing a systematic policy of criminalization, within which new crimes have been created for the sole purpose of weakening our struggles. Consequently, thousands of indigenous leaders find themselves persecuted and prosecuted for defending Mother Earth and our rights.

**Therefore, we resolve:**

- To call for continental and world-wide unity of Indigenous Peoples and social movements and to mobilize in defense of Mother Earth, through the construction of plurinational states and the implementation of Well-being at the global level, as alternatives to overcome the climate, food and economic crises. To return to balance with Mother Earth to save life on the planet is our path.
- We demand of the states the recognition and total fulfillment of our rights recognized by the international system, especially the application of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Respect for self-determination, for our territories and their sovereignty, for consultation and free, prior and informed consent of a binding character, for deciding our own way of life.
- To denounce the criminalization policies that the states are implementing against the defenders of Mother Earth, persecuting us, prosecuting us, jailing us and assassinating us. And we call for the establishment of alliances between Indigenous Peoples and social organization networks for the purpose of implementing collective actions at the international and national level to restrain these policies.
- We demand agrarian policies that guarantee the security and territorial sovereignty of Indigenous Peoples and farmers, and a rational and equitable distribution of water.

**In relation to climate change:**

- We demand the respect of the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the processes of international negotiation on climate change and the implementation of national policies by states; especially the right to the self-determination and the right to the free, prior and informed consent.
- We demand the respect of the Rights of Mother Earth and all living beings.
- We demand that the countries historically responsible for climate change pay the climate debt. We commit to implementing the International Tribunal on Climate justice.
- We demand the construction of a national and regional climate justice agenda, with ample process of free, prior and informed consultation of peoples and communities.
- We demand that in the agreements for the adaptation and mitigation of the effects of climate change our knowledge and practices of reciprocity and complementarity with Mother Earth be taken into account.
- We reaffirm the Agreement of the Peoples of Cochabamba (April 2010).
- We demand that governments support the adoption in the United Nations of the Declaration of Rights of Mother Earth.

- We demand that states assume their responsibility and reach concrete and binding agreements with respect to the reduction of levels of greenhouse gases to slow the process of global warming. The adaptation of vulnerable communities will only be viable if the rich countries reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The ecological debt generated by the countries of the North with their greenhouse gas emissions must be paid and the funds provided for attending to people who are vulnerable and affected by the climate crisis in the South.
- We reject the false solutions of the carbon market, as well as all those that try to commodify the *Pachamama* (Mother Earth). We reject the commodification of the REDD mechanism through carbon markets. We reject the biofuels that change land use and threaten sovereignty and food security. We declare that LIFE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE.
- We demand that all projects or programs against deforestation respect the rights of communities to territory, autonomy, to consultation and free, prior and informed consent of Indigenous Peoples. It must ensure the participation and the benefits of populations of the areas that they have defended for millennia. That the governments change the policies that favor deforestation and support community forest management by Indigenous Peoples.
- We call for joining the Indigenous Forum of the *Abya Yala* on climate change.
- We commit ourselves to participating in the Global Climate Referendum agreed upon in the Global Conference of the Peoples on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth carried out in Cochabamba.

**In relation to mining:**

- We state emphatically: no to mining, yes to life. We reject transnational mining, no to mining in the territories of Indigenous Peoples. We demand immediate revocation of titles and concessions granted without consultation.
- We declare that Indigenous Peoples are the legitimate owners from ancestral times of the ground, subsoil and natural resources that our territories harbor. We demand of the institutions of the United Nations that natural goods be declared heritage of the Indigenous Peoples who harbor them.
- We position ourselves to change the extractivist model in favor of the Well-being of the peoples of the world. In this sense our struggles must lead to the approval of laws to determine zones prohibited for mining in our territories, as the peoples of Costa Rica have achieved with their struggles.
- We demand of states the recognition and application of the right to consent that assists us as Indigenous Peoples in accordance with international law. We call on Indigenous Peoples and communities to not allow the development of mining projects without consent. In particular we make a call for the approval of the Law of Consultation in Peru and its immediate promulgation.

- To launch continental and global campaigns against the policies of international organizations (World Bank and others) that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, to the contamination and the ignorance of our rights, aggravating the climate crisis.
- To launch continental and global campaigns against mining companies, denouncing their violations of international law and their environmental, social and cultural impacts.
- To launch continental and global campaigns against the extractivist policies of states and to denounce before the international system of protection of human rights the cases of violations of human rights, indigenous and farmer rights by those policies, like forced displacement of whole communities.
- We commit ourselves to defend and strengthen our forms of communal organization and our own communitarian economy as an alternative to extractivism.
- To strengthen and coordinate the struggles of the communities and social movements in the face of mining, through exchanges and the construction of a continental platform.

**We call for:**

- Establishing a continental platform of struggle in the face of extractive policies and call for a forum in the near future within the setting of the Fifth Summit of the Indigenous Peoples and Nations of the *Abya Ayala*, in Bolivia in 2011.
- Carrying out a Continental Mobilization the 21st of June of 2011 in defense of life, for the reconstitution of Well-being (*Buen Vivir*), and for the full exercise of our rights in the face of mining impacts, the climate crisis and transnational corporations.

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