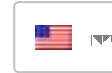




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Pan-Amazonian Declaration of Belém – X Pan-Amazonian Social Forum

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BELÉM PAN-AMAZONIAN DECLARATION
X PAN-AMAZON SOCIAL FORUM – FOSPA –
July 28, 29, 30 and 31, Belém do Pará, Brazil

FROM OUR PAN-AMAZONIA...

1. Embraced in front of the Guamá River, in the great meeting of all the diversity that inhabits the Pan Amazon, we, indigenous people, blacks, quilombolas, peasants, riverside people, urban people, of all genders and age groups from the nine countries of the Amazon Basin: Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana, we reaffirm the journey that we started 20 years ago, since the First Encounter as a Pan-Amazonian Social Forum, with the hope of an “Another possible world”. We could not imagine, at the time, that today the world would be even worse.

2. Today, the Amazon is at its worst, devastated by governments for which nature is a commodity and the rights of peoples have no validity. Until today, no government has guaranteed the full exercise of the rights of the Amazonian peoples in the defense of Mother Nature. In this situation, it is necessary to call the social movements, appeal to creativity, learn from mistakes and continue the struggle.

3. What we perceived yesterday as threats are today realities derived from a system of multiple oppression: patriarchal, racist, capitalist and colonial, which located the great Amazon Basin as its most recent frontier of expansion, putting all forms of life and life at risk. those who defend them.

Under the false premise of development, the extraction of rubber, wood, oil, agribusiness, large hydroelectric plants and mega-mining advanced over the different Amazonian territories and was inserted into models of a colonial character, including proposals for commodifying elements of the biome. Under this pretext, the territories are being militarized and the commons plundered, in order to generate profits. Social inequality and structural and factual violence are deepening for all populations in the Pan-Amazonian region, which today sees how all life is being destroyed and poisoned.

4. The current climate crisis and its civilizational threat, a consequence of the development model, has taken the Amazon ecosystem to the point of no return,

threatening the irreparable loss of the most important tropical forest on the planet and home to more than 50 million people, along with with much of the planet's biodiversity. If we don't stop this trend now, tomorrow will be the death of the Pan-Amazon region, vital to stop global warming and guarantee life on the planet. Time is running out.

5. Indigenous, peasant, black, quilombola, popular and urban women, trans and lesbian women, a resistance force in defense of life, continue to be violated by the action and omission of States, political and religious fundamentalism, patriarchy, racism, militarization and corruption, rooted and installed in our capitalist society, which through transnational corporations and economic forces expropriates territories with impunity and promotes the violation of bodies, the trafficking and control of people and ways of life, sexual violence, femicide, violation of rights sexual and reproductive issues, attacks on diversity, sexual and gender dissidence.

6. The entire Amazon Basin is experiencing an unconventional war situation, with the participation of state military forces, paramilitaries, militias and drug traffickers acting in connection with major economic interests. Added to this are unilateral coercive measures, financial and economic blockades and military threats imposed by major global powers and fundamentalist groups.

7. We reiterate that, although the dangers have increased, the struggles and resistances have acquired unprecedented strength, based on the experience of the spiritualities of our peoples, which must continue to grow as children of the Amazon Mother. In this sense, the peoples of the Pan-Amazon are organizing, uniting, fighting for their territories and cultures, to make a future possible. This is how anti-racist, anti-patriarchal and anti-colonial struggles advance, maintaining the optimism that has characterized us, but with a realism that forces us to demand what is (im)possible. This other world is possible.

WE EXPRESS OUR POLICY PROPOSAL

8. We demand a political, social and economic model that prioritizes the integrity of our common home, that recognizes and respects the territories and the full exercise of the rights of the Amazon peoples and the rights of Nature.

9. Recover, value and protect the knowledge of men and women and the ancestral forms of organization of our peoples for the care and management of water, the protection of our territories, which include our rivers, clean and free from megaprojects.

10. Our alternatives for a land without evils are diversified agricultural and forestry production in harmony with nature, agroforestry, agroecology, projects for local

production and consumption, community management of common goods, forests and territory, use of native seeds, community ecotourism, alternative energy projects, care and integrated and participatory management of hydrographic basins and bioregions, and many other initiatives focused on life and not on the commodification of nature.

11. We propose to articulate efforts and struggles in defense of the Pan-Amazonian territories and of life, as well as, with other social movements in other regions of the world, against the patriarchal, colonial and racist neoliberal economic model that violates all our individual rights and collectives, against corruption and against political, economic, sociocultural and religious fundamentalisms.

12. We urge the governments of the Pan-Amazonian countries to put into practice their speeches against the climate crisis and the rights of Mother Earth, with real measures against deforestation, degradation and the increase in emissions, and not with the makeup of the so-called economies green. We demand that they fulfill and strengthen their commitments, assumed at the international level.

13. To promote the exercise of self-management and self-determination of indigenous, black, quilombola, peasant and coastal peoples, allowing the exercise of public management based on their own vision, norms and procedures; this requires, among other things, the implementation of mechanisms adequate to the new forms of planning that guarantee their ways of life, respecting their cosmovisions. Without the territorial self-management of peoples, there is no future for the Amazon, nor for the world. We demand that States fully comply with the judgments of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Furthermore, the 2015 verdict of Kalina and Lokono pronounced by the OAS must be enforced by the government of Suriname. Finally, we demand the self-determination of French-occupied Guyana. Our Amazon Basin will not be complete until we achieve its decolonization.

14. We reject the extractive public policies of governments that threaten life and nature. We demand compliance with ILO Agreement 169, the signature, ratification, respect and implementation of the right of consultation and free, prior and informed consent, which includes the right of veto due to conscientious cultural objection within the scope of self-determination of peoples, and we demand keep hydrocarbons underground and a mining-free Amazon.

15. Demand from governments the full ownership and legal guarantee of the territories of peoples and communities, including the subsoil, so that they have permanent protection against the extraction of minerals and hydrocarbons, so that they do not violate our mother earth, to care for the spirits of the forest and to ensure the Good Living of human beings and all forms of life.

16. Condemn and reject the implementation of coercive measures, such as any form of political, economic, financial and diplomatic blockade against any country in our Amazon Basin, as these are criminal political actions that affect our peoples.

17. Assume the radical defense of the rights of the Pan-Amazonian peoples to education, communication and health from a popular, intercultural, community, critical and decolonial perspective.

18. Pan-Amazonian women are committed to the reinvention and collective construction of the democracy we desire. We urge all peoples and organizations in the Amazon to include in their agendas actions that correct the inequalities and power relations that persist and affect our lives, our bodies and our territories. This articulation must be directed to influence international spaces that can make recommendations to States regarding the urgency of including concrete actions that respond to the transformation of violence that affects Amazonian and Andean women.

19. We strongly support the letters of the Pre-FOSPAs carried out in each country and the conclusions of the Casas dos Saberes e Sentires (House of Mother Earth, House of Women's Resistance, House of the Common Goods of Nature, House of Indigenous Peoples and Rights and House of Territories and Self-Government).

20. We reaffirm the importance of action initiatives as instruments of mobilization to achieve the objectives of the FOSPA process. It is only possible to generate transformation processes if our organizations in the Pan-Amazon come together and articulate in these actions.

21. We support the International Court of the Rights of Nature, which arrived in Belém in a caravan after traveling through the Xingu and Carajás territories. We support your assertion that the Amazon is a living and threatened entity, subject to rights, on which companies, in complicity with the states, have declared war. Indigenous communities, settlements, encampments, local, traditional communities, peasants, quilombolas, riverside, rural and urban indigenous are those on the front lines of this confrontation, and their rights must be guaranteed. At the same time, the multiple initiatives of integral restoration, extractive moratorium and ecological transition promoted by the communities should be highlighted.

22. We are Nature and there are more than 37 countries that recognize the rights of Nature at various levels, including the rights of the Amazon. In Brazil, four municipalities approved this recognition and four more states are debating it, including Belém, home of the X Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA).

In this sense, we celebrate the creation and launch of the Global Parliamentary Front

for the Rights of Nature, composed of indigenous and non-indigenous deputies from all over the world, which seeks to articulate this paradigm shift, as quickly and directly, with public policies that recognize Nature as a subject of rights.

AND WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

23. Declare a state of climate emergency in the Pan-Amazonian region and ensure compliance with it in order to allow for its active restoration and protection of its biodiversity, in coordination with the Amazonian peoples and to advance towards a new paradigm of relationship with nature .

The advances towards a paradigm shift will be our best legacy. This will require the transfer of significant resources for the restoration and care of the Amazon Basin and the transformation of the international trade of commodities of the regional economy, favoring the production and commercialization of goods that are climatically compatible with the Amazonian ecosystem, restricting the export of meat, soy , wood, minerals, hydrocarbons and derivatives for markets in Europe, Asia, North America and others.

24. Support the verdict of the Third Ethics Court in defense of the bodies and territories of Amazonian and Andean women, which will continue to meet and investigate the cases presented there. We will continue to strengthen this scenario of international visibility and incidence that allows us to focus on the multiple impacts of the system of discrimination on women's lives, bodies and territories, with violence, in its various manifestations, being the one that emerges as a result of the current patriarchal, colonial, capitalist power and racist.

25. Promoting education, research and communication as pillars of the transformation processes in the territories of the Pan-Amazon region, promoting their own scenarios that qualify the struggles and advocacy actions with the States, through the elaboration of mappings and systematization of experiences transformative, popular, intercultural and community-based with a pan-Amazonian emphasis, encouraging inter-learning, the promotion of studies and participatory and transformative action research.

26. Ensure the common goal of real zero deforestation and the promotion of the fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, leaving oil on the ground and moving towards a grassroots energy transition.

27. Strengthen the action initiative in defense of the bodies and territories of Amazonian and Andean women, as the backbone of our collective efforts to respond to the offensive of patriarchy, political and religious fundamentalism, capitalism and racism, which most affect women indigenous, black and peasant women who live in

the Amazon Basin.

From there, we will continue to make these realities visible and defend, through campaigns and mobilizations in defense of the lives of Amazonian and Andean women and the rejection of all forms of discrimination and violence against their bodies and territories.

28. Support the holding of an Amazonian meeting on autonomy and self-government; support the creation of indigenous guards, quilombolas and peasants and other traditional communities, for the self-protection of the territories, enabling their effective sustainability.

29. Promote articulations to carry out permanent, local and global campaigns:

– To help contain the export of products that promote pollution and deforestation in the Amazon.

– Attack hunger, promoting food security in the Pan-Amazon.

– To care for the life and protection of the defenders of nature, denouncing and facing, in all the Pan-Amazon countries, their persecution, criminalization, prosecution, threats, disappearances and murders by the new traffickers and predators of the forests, mafias and contract killers that affect the lives of peoples and other forms of life. Solidarity between our peoples must be effective and affective with them; our defense must be sustained so that the States guarantee their lives from the ratification and fulfillment of the Escazú Agreement, condemning the perpetrators and honoring the martyrs.

– To ensure the self-determination of French-colonized Guyana.

30. Promote trade in goods that are produced in systems that are compatible and in harmony with the Amazon. Our alternatives include ecological agroforestry, peasant family farming and community forest management to replace the destruction economy of the Amazon with a forest economy.

31. Empower Earth Assemblies to address the corporate capture and failure of UN conferences on climate, biodiversity and food systems, thereby providing effective responses to the climate and ecological crisis.

32. Create new forms of regional integration, based on the consolidation of a bloc of Amazonian countries that will allow progress towards post-extractivism in the Amazon.

33. Demand the commitment of States in the construction of regional mechanisms that guarantee respect for the free transit of the inhabitants of the Amazon Basin in

all the countries that comprise it.

34. We support the resolution of the judges of the International Court of the Rights of Nature that proposed the creation of a Court of the Rights of Nature in Canada, from which the capital of the Belo Sun project, which they want to develop in the Xingu River basin, in order to make visible and denounce at source how its resources are being used for the destruction of the Amazon.

35. We appeal to the diversity of organizations that work for the defense and integral care of the Amazon to continue to strengthen their transformative capacities in the articulation processes around the FOSPA Action Initiatives.

FOSPA will continue to forge alliances with different social movements around the world in order to expand actions to overcome the humanitarian, environmental and climate crisis, and to influence international governmental bodies to adopt policies that are consistent with this global purpose.

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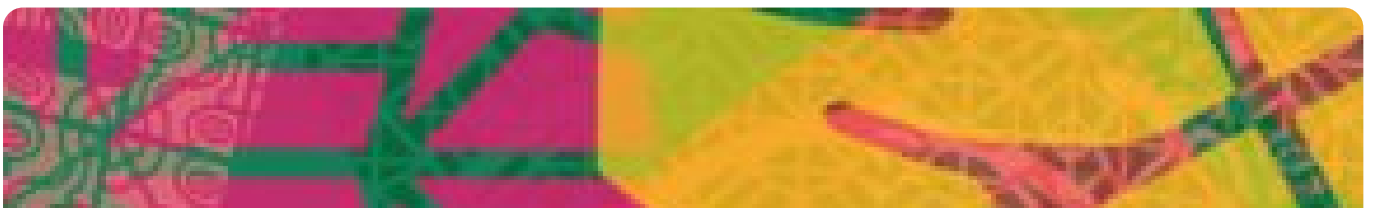
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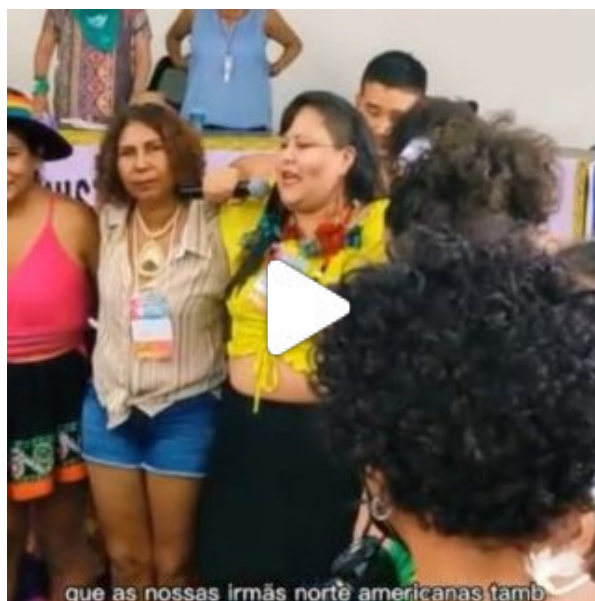
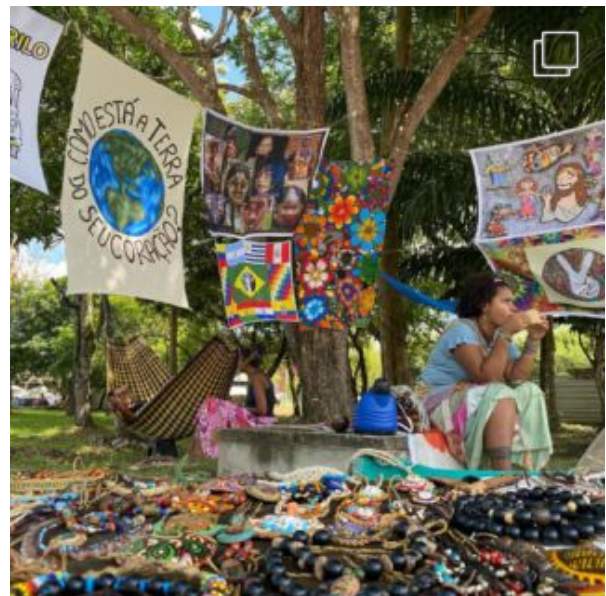
The Closing Act of the X Pan-Amazonian Social Forum (FOSPA) gathered, outdoors, near the waters of the Guamá River, in the territory of the Federal University


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