



WHO SHOULD DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THE AMAZON?

Letter to the Constitutional Court of Ecuador

We want to speak clearly so that you understand what we are saying. Because this is important. Our lives and your lives depend on it.

With a global climate emergency threatening humanity's future, Ecuador's right-wing President Guillermo Lasso just passed two executive decrees to double oil production within a year (half a million barrels more per day!) and rapidly expand mining. Where do you think he's going to find that oil and gold? There is only one option to double production: our ancestral Amazonian territories.

The Amazon rainforest is our home, and our home is keeping us all alive! It is protecting all of us from climate chaos. It is giving all of us oxygen to breathe. It is giving all of us freshwater. It is giving all of us medicines. And yet your world is destroying it.

Oil companies are polluting. Miners are digging. Loggers are cutting. Ranchers are burning. The government has been complicit in it all, and now wants to double-down. If this destruction doesn't stop, this forest will be gone, and we will be without our home and source of life, and the world will understand what losing the Amazon rainforest really means.

We are running out of time. But we know that there is another way.

What we are asking you for is very simple: For you to listen to us, to respect us and to recognize that we, Indigenous Peoples, have the right to decide what happens in our home. No one knows these forests better, or has protected them so successfully for so long. International law gives us the right to say "NO" to the oil companies and the mining companies. We have the right to know that our decision is final. We have the right to protect our homes from intrusion and destruction.

We have made our decision- we must defend our home, the Amazon. Will you protect our right to decide?



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