



WHO SHOULD DECIDE THE FUTURE OF THE AMAZON?

LETTER TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF ECUADOR

On January 18th, 2022, we delivered a letter to you, signed by thousands of people, calling for the immediate recognition of our right to Free, Prior and Informed consent over any and all extractive activities that take place in our territories.

You heard our voices and those of thousands of people across the world that support our struggle to defend our territories, our rights and our lives. On January 27th of this year, you officially recognized our right as Indigenous peoples to decide what happens on our lands.

This was a historic step forward, but the threats to our lands persist. Ecuador's president Guillermo Lasso has issued two Executive Decrees to massively expand oil and mining across the country. These decrees amount to an existential threat to our rainforest territories, our way of life, and our rapidly warming planet. Now, we are challenging these decrees in the Constitutional Court and we need you to hear us again.

We have decided and our message is clear: NO oil extraction and mining in our territories!

Our demands are simple, and firm.

1. Hear our case and issue a ruling URGENTLY against Decree 95 and Decree 151 as unconstitutional. Decree 95 aims to double oil extraction while 151 will dramatically expand mining across Ecuador. The expansion of oil extraction and mining threatens our forests and our children's future.
2. Respect our right to decide what happens in our territories. No means no, and our decision is final.

Once again, we ask you to hear us, respect us, and respect our decision. And remember, It's not just our home that is at stake. It is your home too.



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THEIR MESSAGE TO THE COURT