

## **DECLARATION OF THE ALLIANCE OF AMAZONIAN INDIGENOUS WOMEN (AMA)**

We, Indigenous women from the nine countries of the Amazon, gathered from August 24 to 27 to share the situations of risk faced by our peoples, the threats to our territories, and the strategies that, from our autonomy, we have built for their defense. From this gathering, we decided to establish the **ALLIANCE OF AMAZONIAN INDIGENOUS WOMEN (AMA)** as our own, safe, and supportive space that does not replace or compete with other organizations, but rather joins efforts and seeks to strengthen existing processes and initiatives in our territories, based on unity, sisterhood, and a gender perspective. We REAFFIRM our deep concern over the increase in threats and violations that endanger the lives of Indigenous Peoples, and we PRIORITIZE four interconnected axes that disproportionately impact Amazonian Indigenous women:

### **1. Violations of Territory**

The territory is not only a physical space, but the foundation of our cultural, spiritual, and social identity. Without its protection, our food sovereignty, ancestral practices, and continuation of life as Amazonian Indigenous women are threatened. For Indigenous women, children, and adolescents, the lack of territorial recognition has a differentiated impact: it puts our physical and spiritual security at risk, violates our bodies, increases gender-based violence, and deepens unequal care burdens for family, community, and territory. Furthermore, the loss of land means the loss of protective spaces, of the transmission of knowledge, and of exercising leadership, limiting our opportunities for participation and decision-making.

### **2. Gender-Based Violence**

Violence against Indigenous women, children, adolescents, and spiritual elders, as well as gender-diverse people, intensifies in contexts of territorial conflict—especially for Indigenous women in voluntary isolation and initial contact, and in border areas. The presence of armed actors, extractive companies, religious groups, and others can lead to sexual violence, human trafficking, and the imposition of unequal roles and practices. This violence is not only physical, but also psychological, cultural, and structural, aiming to silence our voices and leadership in the defense of the Amazon.

### **3. Lack of Recognition and Participation of Indigenous Women**

This reality exists both in state structures and within our own Indigenous authorities. At the institutional level, States exclude us from decision-making spaces, deny the value of our knowledge and languages, and impose development models foreign to our culture. Within our communities, unequal practices persist that limit our right to fully participate in self-governance and to exercise recognized leadership. Without the voice and

contribution of women, it is not possible to build autonomy or to guarantee the continuation of life in the Amazon.

#### **4. Criminalization**

The exercise of our leadership and the defense of our territories entail persecution, stigmatization, threats, and judicialization. This criminalization seeks to delegitimize our struggles, sow fear, and dismantle our organizations.

In light of the above, and inspired by the strength of our territories and the memory of our ancestors, as the **Alliance of Indigenous Amazonian Women (AMA)** we have agreed on the following collective objectives, which guide our action and chart the path of resistance and hope for us, our peoples, and the planet:

1. Promote the defense of life, rights, physical, mental, and spiritual health, knowledge systems, and the territory of the women of Amazonian Indigenous Peoples, strengthening territorial recognition, autonomy, and the full participation of women in community, local, national, and international spaces, as well as the eradication of gender-based violence and the non-criminalization of their leadership.
2. Advance international advocacy on territorial and climate rights that includes the special protection of Indigenous women, in order to guarantee the legal and environmental defense of ancestral territories and Amazonian Indigenous knowledge systems.
3. Strengthen Indigenous governance and the real, effective, active, and dignified participation of Amazonian Indigenous women in political, social, organizational, and community decision-making spaces at national, regional, and international levels, ensuring that their mandates are incorporated into legal frameworks, public policies, and global and regional agendas, breaking down structural barriers they face and promoting respect for their individual and collective rights.
4. Consolidate differentiated protection mechanisms for Amazonian Indigenous women and girls in contexts of violence, in coordination with governments, the UN, OTCA, national and international courts, and UN Indigenous Peoples' mechanisms, ensuring reporting pathways, assistance, and reparation with an Indigenous and gender-differentiated approach.
5. Carry out monitoring and early warnings on human rights violations in the Amazon, led by Indigenous women, to document and denounce such violations that directly or indirectly affect Indigenous women.

We are givers of life, bearers of the word, and builders of peace. With our united voices and the spirit of the forest that bonds us, we declare the birth of the **ALLIANCE OF AMAZONIAN INDIGENOUS WOMEN** as a commitment to life, dignity, and the future of our great common home. Indigenous women are guardians of the Amazon and keepers of the knowledge systems of Indigenous Peoples, essential for the health of the planet. We unite to defend our common home and our dignity.

This declaration is a commitment to resistance and a cry for life.

Without us, there is no Amazon nor future! We are the answer!

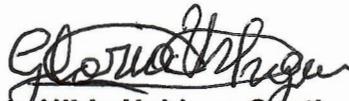
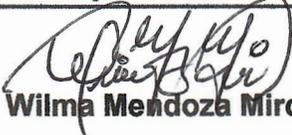
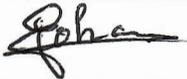
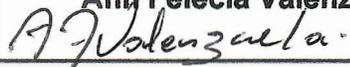
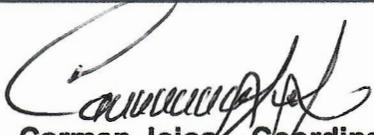
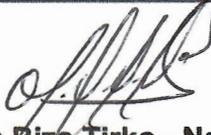


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