



CONTINENTAL NETWORK OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN OF THE AMERICAS.

SOUTH AMERICA REGION.

TO THE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION.

CALL FOR URGENT IN SITU MEDIATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO STOP THE VIOLENCE IN THE PERUVIAN AMAZON.

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Joining in the **anger** and **duel** of our sisters of the Permanent Workshop of Indigenous Andean and Amazonian Women (TPMIAAP in spanish) regarding the violent acts and deaths reported in the Amazon region, the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas- South America Region, declares:

1. We urge the Peruvian State to respect Article 1 of the Constitution and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and **immediately stop the violent attacks** which have produced the loss of human lives and the cruel confrontation among compatriots.
2. We reiterate our statement of our public letter of 13th May where we stated that our indigenous brothers and sisters in the Peruvian Amazon are part of a **democratic State under the rule of law**, and so they have the right to be respected and to enjoy legal protection as citizens of this country.

Besides, as Indigenous Peoples, they have the right to free, prior and informed consent enshrined in international law instruments such as ILO 169 Convention, ratified by Peru, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

3. We call the Peruvian State to **commit in peace building**, and in the defense of and respect for all the citizens' life and dignity. We join the call for dialogue of the Peruvian Bishops Conference, the Peruvian Ombudsman, the National Human Rights Coordination and other institutions.

We urge the Government to answer the call of the Chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the events in Bagua and to also answer the requests and observations made by the Expert Commission on Conventions Implementation and Observations of the ILO on the breach of implementation of Convention 169.

4. We call the political parties and their leaders **not to use this conflict** for political and personal gain. We call the mass media to be **objective and impartial** in their analysis and research for their information.
5. We call for the **urgent presence and mediation** of:
  - The Chair and members of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
  - The Special Rapporteur on the situation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people.



- The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the UN Human Rights Council.
- The UN High Commissioner on Human Rights.
- The representative of the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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We believe that the efforts developed by Indigenous Peoples in the UN for the last 20 years have produced a big advance in the recognition and protection of their rights. Thus, the above mentioned institutions should intervene to avoid greater loss of lives and to contribute to the end of the violence and the establishment of a dialogue between the State and the Indigenous Peoples.

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We think that Peru already paid with thousands of indigenous lives, both Andean and Amazonic, for the 20 years of political violence between 1980 and 2000 and we hope that will never happen again.

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Lima, 9th June, 2009.

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**Joining signs.** Internacional Indigenous Women's Forum, Consejo Indígena de Centro América, Alianza de Mujeres Indígenas de México y Centroamérica, Alianza Mundial de los Pueblos Indígenas y Tribales de los Bosques Tropicales, Consejo Indígena Mesoamericano, Coordinadora Latinoamericana de Cine y Comunicación de los Pueblos Indígenas, **UNITED STATES:** Organización Madre, **PHILIPPINES:** Fundación Tebtebba, **NICARAGUA:** CADPI, **PANAMA:** Red de Mujeres Indígenas y Biodiversidad, Fundación para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena.

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