

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY 2021

PUBLIC STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC

On the International Mother Earth Day, we, civil society organizations and indigenous peoples' organizations from Peru declare the following:

1. International Mother Earth Day aims to remind all people that the Earth and its ecosystems sustain our lives, and that it also has needs and cycles of its own. It also highlights our responsibility to promote a lifestyle in harmony with nature, which today is affected by the climate crisis and the socioeconomic and political model that sustains it. The climate crisis also demands a paradigm shift with a ecocentric vision that recognizes Mother Nature and all forms of life as subjects of rights.

2. That, only during the period of the COVID-19 health emergency in Peru, seven human rights defenders, who confronted illegal mining, drug trafficking, timber trafficking and land trafficking, were murdered. Thus, our country has been classified by Global Witness as one of the most dangerous countries in Latin America to defend the environment. The environmental defenders demanded attention from the Peruvian State, through personal guarantees and the activation of protocols to ensure their safety, but they didn't received timely and effective protection from State agencies. Their deaths remain unpunished.

3. In this sense, the signatory organizations demand the adequate and effective implementation of the "Protocol to Guarantee the Protection of Human Rights Defenders", as well as the approval of an "Intersectoral Mechanism", with its own budget, that ensures the protection of human rights defenders. This last instrument is indispensable to establish concrete responsibilities in the different State sectors that should oversee prevention and protection measures as well as the access to justice for human rights and environmental defenders.

4. We also demand the prompt ratification of the Escazú Agreement: the regional agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, signed by Peru on September 27, 2018. The ratification of the agreement is of vital importance because it will allow, in a coherent manner, to strengthen the normative, institutional and management capacities of the Peruvian State on the protection of environmental defenders. Today the Escazú Agreement comes into effect. This agreement was shelved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Congress in October 2020, blocking its implementation in the country.

5. Finally, it is important to point out that the economic reactivation programs proposed by the State due to the pandemic must consider the Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration on

Environment and Development. This principle states that the best way to deal with environmental issues is through participatory processes with interested citizens at the appropriate level. This means that, as Peruvians, we have the right and the duty to be part of environmental discussions because they are completely linked to our well-being and ways of life. This pandemic is palpable proof of the urgency to adequately address existing environmental problems, which are worsening in different parts of our planet. For this reason, the participation of the whole society is required in the construction of a just and sustainable culture, based on the respect and understanding of the limits of Mother Earth.

Signatures:

- 1 Alianza Cooperativista Nacional, A.C.
- 2 AMAS Marianistas
- 3 ANPE-PERU
- 4 APRODEH
- 5 ASAMBLEA DE DELEGADOS DE ORGANIZACIONES DE LA SOCIEDAD CIVIL DE LAMBAYEQUE - ADOSCIL
- 6 Asociacion Casa Betania
- 7 Asociación Civil Centro de Cultura Popular Labor
- 8 Asociación Civil Japiqay, Memoria y Ciudadanía
- 9 Asociación de Huaranchalinos
- 10 Asociación de Jovenes Indígenas Amazónicos y Colonos del Megantoni
- 11 Asociación Ecológica Cieneguilla
- 12 Asociación por la Defensa de los Derechos Qantu - ADEQ
- 13 Asociación Proyecto Amigo
- 14 Asociación Regional de Organizaciones de Desarrollo de La Libertad.
- 15 Asociacion Servicios Ecosistemicos Peru
- 16 Asociación Servicios Educativos Rurales
- 17 Ayacucho, a Favor de Escazú
- 18 Ayne Peru Trinitarias
- 19 CADEP JOSE MARIA ARGUEDAS.
- 20 Caritas Abancay
- 21 Casa de Promoción Virgen del Carmen
- 22 CEAAL Perú
- 23 CEDAL-Centro de Derechos y Desarrollo
- 24 CEDENMA
- 25 Centro Amazónico de Antropología y Aplicación Práctica - CAAAP
- 26 CENTRO DE DESARROLLO AGROPECUARIO
- 27 Centro de Desarrollo Andino Sisay
- 28 Centro de Investigación y Formación Intercultural "Yachay"
- 29 Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristan
- 30 Centro Loyola Ayacucho
- 31 CENTRO PARA EL DESARROLLO DEL INDÍGENA AMAZÓNICO - CEDIA
- 32 Chaskiedu
- 33 CODESIN S.A.C.
- 34 Colectiva 8 M
- 35 Comisión de Ecología y Cuidado de la Creación de la Diócesis de Lurín
- 36 Comisión de Justicia Social -Chimbote
- 37 Comisión de Solidaridad Desarrollo y Justicia COSDEJ
- 38 Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social - CEAS

39 Comunidad Santo Espiritu
40 Congregación de Misioneros Hijos del Inmaculado Corazón de Maria
41 CooperAcción
42 CPM Micaela Bastidas
43 Cuencas Sagradas
44 Demus Estudio Para la Defensa de los Derechos de la Mujer
45 Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (DAR)
46 Derechos Humanos Sin Fronteras
47 Derechos Humanos y Medio Ambiente - DHUMA
48 Earthrights International
49 Eco Amigos de Picota
50 Ekosinergia
51 Epicentro Trujillo
52 Equipos docentes Perú
53 Environmental Investigation Agency - EIA (Agencia de Investigación Ambiental)
54 Federación de Comunidades Nativas de Ucayali y Afluentes - FECONAU
55 Forest Peoples Programme
56 FEMOCCPAALM
57 FENMUCARINAP-SM
58 Foro Ciudades para la Vida
59 FOVIDA
60 FUNDACIÓN ECUMÉNICA PARA EL DESARROLLO Y LA PAZ - FEDEPAZ
61 Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature
62 GRUFIDES
63 Grupo Genero y Economía
64 Hermanas de la Caridad
65 Hermanas pequeñas apóstoles de la redención
66 HH. JOSEFINAS DE LA SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD-PAITA, PERU
67 I.E. 0700 SAN JUAN BAUTISTA
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75 Instituto Natura
76 Instituto para el Desarrollo y la Paz Amazonica
77 INSTITUTO PRO DESARROLLO SOSTENIBLE
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79 Juventud Obrera Cristiana - JOC PERÚ
80 Kinder Radio Manuelito
81 La Caracola, cooperativa social
82 Movimiento Católico por el Clima- Capítulo peruano
83 Movimiento de Trabajadores y Campesinos
84 Movimiento Manuela Ramos
85 Munay
86 Nature Services Peru
87 O. S. B. Maria Parado de Bellido
88 ONAMIAP
89 ORGANIZACION ECOLOGICA "ADRIAN RAMIREZ QUISPE"
90 Oxfam

- 91 Pastoral de la Tierra del Vicariato Apostólico de Yurimaguas
- 92 PASTORAL MOVILIDAD HUMANA TRUJILLO
- 93 Pastoral Social Prelatura de Ayaviri
- 94 Paz y Esperanza
- 95 Plataforma para la Gobernanza Responsable de la Tierra
- 96 Proética- Capitulo Peruano de Transparencia Internacional
- 97 Red Infanto Juvenil Por el Buen Vivir
- 98 Red Muqui
- 99 Red Peruana de Comercio Justo y Consumo Ético
- 100 Red Peruana por una Globalización con Equidad (RedGE)
- 101 Red Regional Agua, Desarrollo y Democracia
- 102 Red Uniendo Manos Perú
- 103 Religiosa Terciarias Trinitarias
- 104 Rojana
- 105 SEDYS Trujillo
- 106 Separ
- 107 Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental - SPDA
- 108 Sociedad Peruana de Ecodesarrollo - SPDE
- 109 TierrActiva Perú
- 110 Voluntarios Bosques
- 111 Wakán Guayusa
- 112 Warmi Wasi