

Alto Turiaçu Indigeneous Territory – Maranhão
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Our arms and our hands to relatives, warriors and warriors of the Ipereg Ayu
Movement

Munduruku relatives. We could not be there, but we are with you here. You have shown these days that only by mobilizing and organizing do our people win. That our rights are not to be sold nor negotiated, they are to be achieved through the movement and through fighting, with the support of our relatives. We are accompanying your efforts, sacrifices and struggle to stop these dams that destroy sacred places in the name of money, of profit for the rich, and to generate energy for the rich. Only you know what the spirits of the rivers and the forest have to say to you. As do we here. Only we know what the spirits of the forest, the rivers, the earth have to tell us. The *pariwat* (white people) and the Karai will never understand the meaning of our struggle or of our life. They can attack and attempt to destroy our organization and our fight, but they will not succeed. Therefore, relatives, we united must continue gathering, organizing and fighting, in our way, for our way of life. Our future is not in the city, nor in the sale of timber, nor pastures, or large crops, nor agribusiness, nor mining, nor dams, nor any other government project. Our forest, our rivers, our land are sacred to us. The most important thing now is our *Planos de Vida* (Plans for Life) that will guide our steps toward living well in our territories.

Piranta has johu Katu!
Ka'apor Management Council
Warriors of the Ka'apor Forest