Letter VIII of the Mundurukú Iperêg Ayu Movement

Jacareacanga-PA, May 2nd of 2014

To the Federal Government and the Brazilian People

Yesterday, May 1st of 2014, was another day that we tried to have dialogue with the Government about the Hydroelectric dams on the Tapajós River. The Government did not respond.

We have tried many times to have dialogue with the government. This happened in 2013, during the occupation of Belo Monte, and after in Brasília.

The government lies to us, doesn’t speak the truth, wants to sell our rights, but our rights do not have a price. Our rights are not for sale. We do not want dams on our land!

We require that the Government comply with the Federal Constitution, comply with the ILO Convention 169 and respect indigenous legislation. We want the demarcation of indigenous territories in the middle Tapajós [river basin]. We want a democratic, free, prior, and informed consultation conducted in good faith, and we also demand that our decision be respected. We do not want large mining companies on our land. We want the cancellation of Ordinance 303 [which opens up indigenous lands to exploitation by economic forces in dubious cases of “national interest”], written by an Attorney General’s Office that is against the indigenous population of Brazil.

We support our relatives on the Teles Pires River, we support the judge who suspended the previous license of the São Manoel Plant. We want that the [high court] TRF to not use the [legal artifice employed to defer judicial rulings] Security Suspension to enact injustice again.

We continue the fight for our land and for our river.

Sincerely,
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