Resolutions Adopted at the Special Interfederational Congress Held on March 8th in the Community of Macuma

Agreements and Resolutions:

On Sunday, March 8th the Indigenous Nationalities of Pastaza and Morona Santiago: the Interprovincial Shuar Federation (FICSH), Shuar Nation of Ecuador (NASHE), Achuar Nation of Ecuador (NAE), Shiwiar Nation of Ecuador (NASHI), the Sapara Nation of Ecuador (NASE), and the Kichwa People of Sarayaku, gathered for a special session of the Inter-Federational Committee in the parish of Macuma. This was followed by comprehensive analysis and debate about the consultation process for extractive activity in Blocks 74 and 75.

We Resolve:

1. To reaffirm our strong rejection of the Ecuadorian state’s policy on oil developments, mining, logging, hydropower and Socio Bosque activities in the indigenous territories of Zamora Chinchipe, Morona Santiago and Pastaza.

2. To reject the opening of prior consultation offices in the Achuar, Shuar, Shiwiar, Sapara and Kichwa communities and demand their immediate withdrawal, as it is the clear cause of conflict and internal division of the indigenous nations.

3. To firmly defend and protect our ancestral territories with concrete actions as well as to create a new economic development model utilizing renewable natural resources that is in harmony with the sovereignty of the nationalities and geared towards dignified life for the indigenous nationalities and for Amazonian mestizos.

4. Authorities nominated by the indigenous movement party elected by popular choice must comply these resolutions; otherwise they will be subject to political and organizational sanctions.

5. To prohibit and control the entry of the technicians attempting to carry out prior consultation activities for oil activity without the approval and endorsement of the indigenous organizations. Offenders will be tried by the ancestral indigenous justice system.

6. To reject and void all contracts signed with communities for extractive programs and projects of the current government, in addition to Socio Bosque and hydroelectric projects in the territories of the Shuar, Achuar, Shiwiar, Kichwa and mestizos in the provinces of Pastaza, Morona Santiago, and Zamora Chinchipe.
7. To support the consolidation of the ecological, touristic and contamination-free region to the territory of Morona Santiago and Pastaza.

8. To fully endorse the resolutions adopted in the Summit of the People this past 5th and 6th of March in Quito, especially the indigenous mobilization called upon by the Indigenous National Confederation, CONAIE

9. To disseminate this resolution to national and international public opinion via different media outlets.

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Mr. Felix Santi  
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