



Statement and Call to Action by the Indigenous Peoples of Pastaza Regarding the Southern, Eastern, and Sub-Andean Round in Ecuador

We, the Kichwa, Sapara, Andwa, Shiwiar, Achuar, Waorani, and Shuar Indigenous Nations of the province of Pastaza, in the Ecuadorian Amazon, firmly, publicly, and unanimously reaffirm our historic decision to defend our ancestral territories, life, and the Amazon as a living system upon which we depend as peoples and upon which the planet's climate balance also depends.

In response to the announcement and progress of the oil tenders known as the Southern-Eastern Round and the Sub-Andean Round, promoted by the Ecuadorian government, we denounce that nearly **3 million hectares of the Ecuadorian Amazon** in Pastaza and Napo are currently threatened by plans to auction off 11 oil blocks.

These oil expansion plans overlap with our ancestral Amazonian territories, areas of extremely high biodiversity, and protected areas of Indigenous Peoples in Isolation; and contradict scientific evidence and international climate commitments, because while science maintains that in the Amazon, extractive economic models cause deforestation, ecosystem degradation, and pollution that threaten the ecological and sociocultural connectivity of the Amazon ¹ and while decisive actions have been proposed in the region and around the world to move toward a just energy transition that leaves behind the devastating model of oil and gas exploitation, the Ecuadorian government is moving in the opposite direction, reinforcing plans to destroy the Amazon.

These actions are being carried out without prior consultation or free, prior, and informed consent, in open violation of the Constitution of Ecuador, existing court rulings, and international law regarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The Amazon cannot continue to be treated as oil blocks, as empty zones, as negotiable areas, and even less as a **sacrificial zone**, to sustain an energy model that the world itself recognizes must be overcome in the short term. What is at stake is not merely an energy debate: it is

¹ Scientific Panel for the Amazon. 2025. Amazon Assessment Report 2025 – Amazon Connectivity for a Living Planet. Available at: www.sp-amazon.org/ar2025





We are putting at risk a vital interconnected local, regional, and global system that regulates the climate, stores carbon, protects biodiversity and watersheds, as well as the very lives of Indigenous Peoples, who sustain these territories through ancestral knowledge systems, self-governance structures, and millennia-old ways of life.

We reaffirm that our territories are not oil blocks. They are spaces of life, spirituality, knowledge, and ecological and climatic balance. That is why we firmly declare: **no more oil in the Amazon.**

In light of this situation, **we** firmly, publicly, and unanimously **reaffirm**:

- **We reject** the announcements and any attempt to pave the way for the oil tenders known as the Southern-Eastern Round and the Sub-Andean Round, as well as any attempt by the State to expand the oil frontier into our territories.
- **We denounce** the absence of prior, free, and informed consultation and the lack of consent from our communities for the entry of extractive industries, recalling that as early as 2012 and 2013, when the State attempted to tender these same blocks, Indigenous Peoples said NO and warned of these very same violations, in breach of the Constitution and ILO Convention 169.
- **To denounce the failure to** implement ecological remediation and comprehensive social, cultural, and spiritual reparations for Indigenous Peoples affected by decades of extractive activities in Indigenous territories.
- **To** comprehensively **defend** our territories—spiritually, environmentally, socially, culturally, and in terms of rights—and **to coordinate** collective actions among Amazonian nationalities to halt these oil bidding rounds and any other transnational infrastructure projects that seek to expand oil frontiers.
- **Demand** that the Ecuadorian State immediately and strictly comply with the Constitution, existing court rulings, and its obligations under international law regarding the rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Warn companies, investors, and financial institutions that any participation in these bidding rounds constitutes a violation of collective rights and responsibilities under national and international law.
- **Recommend** to international forums, such as the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the Conference on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the First Conference on the Transition Beyond Fossil Fuels





that it urge States to ban oil expansion in the Amazon and immediately restore those territories already affected by the oil industry; in particular, we call on the Ecuadorian government to suspend and withdraw its plans to auction off the Southeastern and Sub-Andean oil rounds, as these violate our rights.

We call on governments, multilateral organizations, and global civil society to raise their voices to protect these **3 million hectares of the Ecuadorian Amazon** that are currently under threat.

Protecting these territories is a concrete action in favor of the planet's climate balance, human rights, and life itself.

What is at risk is not only the present and future of Indigenous Peoples and Nationalities, but also the balance of one of the most important territories for the planet: the Amazon.

No more oil in the Amazon. We are territories of life.

Signed by the Indigenous Nationalities of Pastaza:

Sapara Nationality of Ecuador Andwa
Nationality of Pastaza Shiwiar Nationality of
Ecuador Kichwa Nationality of Pastaza
Achuar Nationality of Ecuador Waorani
Nationality of Pastaza Shuar Nationality of
Pastaza

Join us and sign our call:

The organizations, peoples, collectives, and networks that defend the Amazon, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and life endorse and sign this statement.

