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**Alto Turiaçu Territory of the Ka'apor, Brazil, September 2025**

*Women who raise their voices, who sow courage and water the earth with resistance.  
We are strong roots that sustain life, guardians of memory and hope.  
Each step is a cry for freedom. May the bond between us always be the greatest weapon against injustice.  
We continue side by side, with our fists raised high, defending the land, water, life, and dignity of our peoples.*

We, women defenders of collective territories from different countries in Latin America, gathered in the Alto Turiaçu Indigenous territory – in Ararorenda village of the Ka'apor people – in the state of Maranhão, Brazil, from September 9-12, 2025, hereby state our position on carbon markets and the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) mechanisms, which threaten our territories.

Whereas:

1. Our territories and forests have been cared for and protected since ancient times by our grandfathers and grandmothers, and we continue to protect them from all threats imposed on us by governments and private companies.
2. Governments are now opening the door to the carbon credit business, putting a price on our territories and forests.
3. Our territories are sacred, and we do not put a price on that which gives us life.
4. Governments and companies that claim to protect forests and reduce contamination through carbon credits and REDD+ are actually, under the logic of offsets, allowing for the expansion and legitimization of the plunder associated with mining, hydrocarbon exploitation, agribusiness (such as livestock and plantations), infrastructure projects, logging, and other industries. They sign long-term contracts that take away our access to our territories, water, food and medicine for our families and communities.

Therefore, if they truly want to reduce contamination, deforestation and forest degradation, we reiterate what we have been repeatedly demanding from our governments and from companies:

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1. Stop polluting rivers for mining, stop cutting down forests for your extractive activities in our territories and protected areas, and stop blaming us as if we were a threat and cause of deforestation.
2. Allow forests degraded by extractive activities to be restored naturally, thereby truly reducing pollution.
3. Guarantee fair compensation, restoration and reparation processes for our peoples, communities and territories that have historically been affected by extractivism – whether driven by capitalists or developmentalist governments that present themselves as leftist.
4. Stop putting a price on nature and profiting from the lives of our peoples and all living beings that need forests and water to live; because without free forests, we cannot live.
5. Stop deceiving us with contracts, REDD+ policies and projects, carbon credits and other "green solutions," nature-based solutions, etc. Stop saying that you are protecting what we are already protecting, while you continue to contaminate, deforest and commodify our territories around the world.
6. Comply with Free, Prior, and Informed Consultation in good faith, respecting our own consultation procedures, without dividing us or corrupting organizations in order to advance projects that are foreign to our communities.
7. Guarantee territorial rights for those who effectively protect territories. Promote land regularization in all of our territories, through demarcation and homologation of indigenous lands; land titles for *quilombola* communities; (1) agrarian reform for peasants living in collective settlements; and recognition of common use territories – among other necessary measures to respect our rights.
8. Strengthen territories that have already been titled but which, nonetheless, still face conflicts with agroindustrial, oil and mining companies. Ensure the withdrawal of these activities and guarantee access to other basic rights that fully allow for people to remain, produce and reproduce life in the territory.

Finally, we maintain that REDD+ is not a solution. It is a false and illusory proposal because it is a business that puts a price on nature – in which intermediaries profit, and companies and governments continue to pollute. Meanwhile we are stripped of our territories, which are our life.

**For all these reasons, we, women defenders of territories, express our categorical rejection of all forms of REDD+, and we declare ourselves ready to fight to defend our lives!**

#### **NO MORE REDD+!**

(1) *Quilombola* communities are black communities made up of an ethnic-racial group, with their own cultural identity and a particular historical trajectory that comes from their resistance to slavery and oppression.

#### **SIGNATORIES:**

- Tuxa Ta Pame - Conselho de Gestão Ka'apor, Brazil
- Jumu'eha Renda Keruhu - Centro de Formação Saberes Ka'apor, Brazil

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- Coordinadora Nacional de Defensa de Territorios Indígenas Originarios Campesinos y Áreas Protegidas (CONTIOCAP) - Bolivia
- Comité Defensor de la Vida Amazónica en la cuenca del Río Madera (COMVIDA) - Bolivia
- Organización Comunal de la Mujer Amazónica (OCMA) - Bolivia
- Associação das Mulheres Munduruku Wakoborun - Brazil
- Tejido Unuma De La Orinoquia - Colombia
- Red de Mujeres Indígenas Tejiendo Resistencias - Peru
- Associação dos moradores do Baixo Riozinho e Entorno (ASMOBRI) - Brazil
- Aty Ñeychyrô - Argentina
- Associação dos Moradores Agroextrativistas do Assentamento Acutipereira (ASMOGA) - Brazil
- Associacao dos Moradores Agroextrativistas do Assentamento Peaex Acangata - (ASMOGAC) - Brazil
- Associação Indígena Extrativista Da Aldeia Akamassyron Surui Aikewara- Brazil
- Associação dos Pescadores São José de Icatu Quilombola - Brazil
- Coletivo de Mulheres Flor da Roça, Quilombo São José de Icatu - Brazil

### **Signatures in support:**

1. Palm Oil Detectives, Aotearoa – New Zealand
2. ECOFAMAR, Argentina
3. BIOS Argentina, Argentina
4. ATTAC - Argentina - Cadtm, Argentina
5. Coletivo Campesino Amazônico de Pesquisadores e Pesquisadoras, Brasil
6. Instituto Conviva, Brasil
7. GeoEduQa, Brasil
8. Marcha Mundial das Mulheres, Brasil
9. Arandu - Rede Colaborativa de Pesquisa Povos Indígenas, Gênero e Sexualidade, Brasil
10. Fórum Mudanças Climáticas e Justiça Socioambiental, Brasil
11. Centro de Estudos e Defesa do Negro do Pará - CEDENPA, Brasil
12. Conselho Indigenista Missionário (CIMI), Brasil
13. Associação de Favelas SJCampos SP, Brasil
14. Frade Capuchinho, Brasil
15. Articulação das Organizações e Povos Indígenas do Amazonas- APIAM, Brasil
16. Movimento Mulheres pela Paz na Palestina, Brasil
17. Aliança RECOs - Aliança de Redes de Cooperação Comunitária desde o Sul Global, Brasil
18. Comité Defensor de la Vida Amazonica en la Cuenca del Rio Madeira (COMVIDA), Brasil y Bolivia
19. Struggle to Economize Future Environment (SEFE), Cameroon
20. Réseau des Acteurs du Développement Durable (RADD), Cameroun
21. IxofijMogen por Bosque Ancestral- Wekufe Forestales, Chile
22. COECOCEIBA - Amigos de la Tierra Costa Rica, Costa Rica
23. Acción Ecológica, Ecuador
24. Maiouri Nature Guyane, French Guiana
25. Coordination gegen BAYER-Gefahren, Germany
26. Forum Ökologie & Papier, Germany
27. Kaffeegarten-Ruhr / Essen, Germany
28. Carbone Guinée, Guinea
29. Mama Aleta Foundation, Indonesia
30. Lembaga Bentang Alam Hijau, Indonesia
31. Jaringan JAGA DECA, Indonesia

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- 32. Grail international, Kenya
- 33. Oilwatch Africa, Kenya
- 34. PUIC-UNAM oficina Oaxaca, México
- 35. Red de Acción sobre Plaguicidas y Alternativas en México (RAPAM) A.C., México
- 36. Otros Mundos Chiapas/Amigos de la Tierra México, México
- 37. Look Green Care Foundation (LGCF), Nigeria
- 38. No REDD in Africa Network, Nigeria
- 39. Health of Mother Earth Foundation, Nigeria
- 40. Association pour la Conservation et la Protection des Écosystèmes des Lacs et l'Agriculture Durable, RD Congo
- 41. Forêts Communautaires Pour Le Développement Rural en Abrégé (FOCODER), RD Congo
- 42. Association Paysanne pour la Réhabilitation et Protection des Pygmées (PREPPY), RD Congo
- 43. WLTP, South Africa
- 44. The South African Food Sovereignty Campaign, South Africa
- 45. Mouvement Pour le Socialisme, Suisse
- 46. Ecopaper, Switzerland
- 47. HEKS Swiss Church Aid, Switzerland
- 48. Centre for Strategic Litigation, Tanzania
- 49. Sustainable Holistic Development Foundation (SUHODE), Tanzania
- 50. EcoNexus, UK
- 51. The Corner House, UK
- 52. Winnemem Wintu Tribe, United States
- 53. North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE), United States
- 54. Colectivo Raíces y Saberes, Venezuela
- 55. World Rainforest Movement, International