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The Global Alliance of Territorial Communities, made up of indigenous peoples and local communities in Brazil, The Amazon basin, Mesoamerica and Indonesia, calls for the international community to face the serious human rights violations that are occurring in Ecuador.

Indigenous peoples and local communities, are being systematically threatened and attacked because of our role as protectors of the environment and as defenders of human rights. We oppose the economic and political interests of the powerful, and defend our lands, ecosystems and our fundamental rights. For this, we are targeted and are victims of intimidation, harassment, detention and criminalization.

An example of this is what happens today in Ecuador, where indigenous peoples face the oppression of the State and the violation of our rights to opinion and freedom of expression. This situation is particularly serious considering the lack of accountability and transparency of the Government of Ecuador, a country that ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.

Indigenous peoples and Territorial Communities call for attention and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ecuador. We join the fight of the indigenous movement of Ecuador CONAIE. We request the UN, the monitoring mechanisms for Human Rights violations, the IACHR and the OAS to exercise their oversight duties and express their rejection of violations of fundamental rights of indigenous peoples.

The Global Alliance of Territorial Communities represents the guardians of 400 million hectares of forest, grouped in the territorial organizations Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara (AMAN), the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB), the Articulação dos Povos Indígenas do Brasil (APIB) and the Coordinator of the Indigenous Organizations of the Amazon Basin (COICA). For more information on the Global Alliance of Territorial Communities visit our social networks **@GuardianesBos** on Facebook and Twitter or contact us through Lucas Tolentino **ls.tolentino@gmail.com**



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