



DECLARATION OF THE ASHANINKA INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FOR THE RIGHT TOWARDS SELF- DETERMINATION

In response to the ongoing violence against and the recent massacre of the Ashaninka indigenous people in the village of Mazamari, province of Satipo in the Central Jungle of Peru, We the Ashaninka People feel it is necessary to have an EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OF THE CENTRAL JUNGLE REGION OF PERU.

THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE CONGRESS:

1. The problems the Ashaninka communities are dealing with in the face of the adversity they are experiencing.
2. The problem of the Ashaninka refugees and displaced individuals and families and how to regain land rights.
3. Analyze the situation of abandoned lands by the indigenous communities due to Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) brutal displacement tactics.
4. Analyze the related and acute problems of health, education and food of the communities that have arisen with the increase of refugees.
5. Evaluate public and private institutions and persons that are developing favorable actions towards assisting the Ashaninka communities. Also analyze those who are benefiting from the state of emergency we are currently living in.
6. The impact that the approbation of related articles regarding native lands in the Peruvian Constitution will have on the communities' right towards occupying and protecting their lands from exploitation and invasion.