

## ***To halt the collapse of the Amazon and the world, the indigenous peoples and civil organizations promote a Plan for Life***

*\* The Amazon, a source of life, is now threatened with death. \**

Quito, February 28, 2021 - the Amazon, vital for stabilizing the planet's climate and for the future of humanity, is currently experiencing an escalation of pandemics. In response to which the Amazonian peoples, social, women's, environmental, cultural, religious, human rights and nature organizations launched a Plan of Life to save the Amazon, at the close of the virtual event "El grito de la selva/Voces de la Amazonia" [The cry of the jungle/Voices of the Amazon], held on February 26 and 27, 2021.

The [Life Plan to stop the escalation of pandemics that are pushing the Amazon and the world to collapse](#), sets out five lines of immediate action:

- 1. Solidarity and urgent action to address the Covid-19 Health Crisis in the Amazon.**
- 2. Stop the point of no return in the Amazon.**
- 3. Let us make climate and environmental justice**
- 4. Let us promote self-governance of the territories and inclusive governance.**
- 5. Let us promote the mobilization of the planet to save the Amazon.**

These are, in general terms, the various problems that have affected this over 8 million km<sup>2</sup> basin of in recent decades, and which is currently experiencing an escalation of crises that have led to its collapse:

- **Sanitary:** the second wave of COVID-19, with another variant affecting the city of Manaus, Brazil, has already caused over 50,000 deaths throughout the Amazon.
- **Extractivism:** mining, agribusiness, energy and mega-infrastructure sectors have destroyed the Amazonian territory in recent decades and have not stopped in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis.
- **Climate crisis:** aggravating floods, droughts, fires and diseases in our territories; racism, discrimination and colonial modernity against indigenous peoples, Afro-descendants, humble populations and nature itself.
- **Authoritarianism:** deepens the criminalization and assassination of leaders who defend their territories.
- **Patriarchy:** together with capitalism, racism and lesbophobia structure the inequalities in our society that worsen during the pandemic, evidencing a greater number of missing women and high rates of femicides, neglect in health services that remain in impunity in the face of intolerance and indolence of state agencies.
- **Crisis of political systems:** contributing to the proliferation of corrupt governments, clinging to power and undermining democracy and are incompetent to respond to the multiple crises.

### **Last man of the Juma people dies and Sinchi Roca's indigenous leader murdered**

At the closure of the two-day virtual seminar "El grito de la selva/Voces de la Amazonia" [The cry of the jungle/Voices of the Amazon], José Gregorio Díaz Mirabal, COICA's general coordinator, made a final statement in which he denounced the death of the last man of the Juma people in Brazil, due to COVID-19 as well as the murder of the indigenous leader Herasmo García Grau, member of the Sinchi Roca community in Peru, allegedly at the hands of drug traffickers, land invaders and illegal loggers.

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<sup>1</sup> The complete videos of the virtual event "El grito de la selva/Voces de la Amazonia" are available at the following links:

February 26: <https://www.facebook.com/Avaaz/videos/455850698895662>

February 27: <https://www.facebook.com/107423171032485/videos/507608113567748>