



REPUBLICA DEL ECUADOR
PUEBLO SHUAR ARUTAM

Acuerdo Ministerial N°-255 de 7 de Septiembre del 2006
SUCUA-MORONA SANTIAGO

**THE SHUAR PEOPLES GOVERNMENT DENOUNCES THE PARTICIPATION OF
ILLEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES IN AN INTERNATIONAL MINING EVENT**

The Shuar Arutam People's Government Council (CGPSHA spanish acronym), the only representative of the 47 communities and 6 associations which make up the Shuar Arutam Peoples (PSHA) is elected legitimately in General Assembly, and is the highest organizational authority. As part of our resolutions and atributions established in the organization's Statues, as well as within the established "Plan for Life", we wish to make public:

- That during the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) meetings in Toronto, Canada from March 1-4, the Ecuadorian Government and Canadian company **Solaris Resources** presented the document entitled: "Evaluation of the mechanisms of Prior Consent. Communities from the Shuar Nation: Warints and Yawi"
- In this event people participated who identified themselves as representatives of the Shuar community and the PSHA, and even met with various authorities of the Canadian government.

In light of this, we denounce:

- That the PSHA has its Board and its Government council, both legitimately constituted. he individuals who participated in those events and meetings in Canada are usurping Indigenous government functions, and they are there solely in response to the interests of the mining projects.
- This is a desperate strategy that the Company and the Ecuadorian government are using since they have not been able to buy the support of the Shuar Arutam Peoples to implement these mining projects in our territory. As such they are trying to divide our organization and create an international image that the Shuar peoples support mining activities. They are doing this with people who are neither the legal representatives of their communities, nor are they representatives of the Organization.
- That Solaris and the Ecuadorian government have invented a process of "prior consent" wherein two communities have supposedly participated. This is a clear violation of our collective rights, since a prior, free and informed consultation process should be in coordination with our own organization and include the participation of the 47 communities who make up the PSHA. More importantly, those spaces for consultation must seek our consent, and not be spaces of propaganda which seek only to present the benefits of the mining activity. International Human Rights instruments have already pointed this out.

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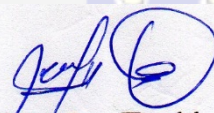
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- Due to the lack of capacity of the government to guarantee our right to a consultation process, and to our prior, free and informed consent, the PSHA held various assemblies in 2019 to analyze this situation where the legitimate representatives of the 47 communities participated and decided to commence the campaign: [image translation] “The Shuar Peoples have already decided: No to mining, we don’t want to be consulted”



- The way that the Ecuadorian Government and the mining companies are acting represent an attack on the peace and tranquility of our communities. These are acts which in the past, have provoked serious conflicts, like those which took place in 2016. These events could be repeated, and we want to express with anticipation that those responsible are the government authorities and Solaris.
- We request the immediate intervention of international mechanisms, like the United Nations and the InterAmerican System, and nationally, like the Ombudsperson, to take urgent actions against these systematic violations of our human rights that the Ecuadorian government and these mining companies are committing against the Indigenous Shuar Arutam Peoples.


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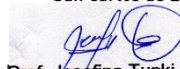
EL PUEBLO SHUAR ARUTAM **YA DECIDIÓ**
NO A LA MINERÍA
NO QUEREMOS SER CONSULTADOS

ATSATAJI ININTRAMU

A través de varios encuentros en distintas comunidades, nos hemos reunido con el fin de analizar una respuesta a la vulneración sistemática de nuestros derechos colectivos por parte del Estado y las empresas mineras que vienen operando en nuestro territorio ancestral. Frente a esta situación, en ejercicio de nuestro derecho a la libre determinación, que reconoce nuestra facultad de determinar nuestro presente y futuro, y dado que la entrada de empresas mineras en nuestro territorio ancestral sin nuestro consentimiento ha generado grandes impactos en nuestra forma de vida, hemos decidido lo siguiente:

- 1 Para ejercer nuestro derecho** a la libre determinación: conservar el bosque, garantizar las potencialidades culturales, ecoturismo, agricultura, ganadería, educación y salud enmarcado en nuestro plan de vida, consideramos que no son pertinentes procesos de consulta orientadas a posibilitar proyectos mineros, energéticos y otros que generen grandes impactos ambientales y sociales en nuestro territorio.
- 2 Frente al incumplimiento** del Estado de nuestros derechos establecidos en la Constitución y en los instrumentos internacionales, hemos decidido ejercer el derecho constitucional a la resistencia frente a los proyectos mineros en nuestro territorio.
- 3 Exigimos que se retiren inmediatamente** todas las concesiones mineras de gran escala que se desarrollan en nuestro territorio por ser realizadas sin habernos consultado, por lo que se nos debe indemnizar los daños y perjuicios causados.
- 4 No se permitirá la consulta previa** en nuestro territorio orientada a la minería a gran escala, debido a que el Estado ha vulnerado nuestros derechos colectivos al haber concesionado nuestro territorio ancestral sin habernos consultado.
- 5 Exigimos que se respete** nuestro plan de vida y estructura organizativa.
- 6 En cumplimiento de nuestros derechos** colectivos, consagrados en la Constitución y en los instrumentos internacionales de derechos humanos como el Convenio 169 de la OIT, exigimos al Estado garantizar nuestros derechos a través de la entrega de servicios públicos de salud, educación, seguridad alimentaria, obras de infraestructura, etc., enmarcados en nuestro plan de vida.

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