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CONFEDERACIÓN INDIGENA TAYRONA "C.I.T."



DOCUMENT OF AGREEMENTS OF THE GATHERING "THE DAWN OF A NEW TIME"
SEPTEMBER 11th TO 15th OF 2018
SEYKUN, SIERRA NEVADA OF SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA

Representatives of traditional authorities, Mamos and Sagas of the Arhuaco, Wiwa and Kankuamo peoples, of the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta and participants from different countries of the international gathering: "The Dawn of a New Time", which took place in Seykun, Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta - Colombia, came together between September 11th and September 15th of 2018, to discuss human and planetary Health and Wellbeing. In this dialogue, emphasis was placed on the dangers currently threatening the Sierra Nevada and the indigenous cultures that live there, and on the possible alternatives to face them.

The conclusions of the issues discussed in the gathering and the ideas on how to continue supporting the Sierra Nevada from now on are described below. It should be clarified in this document that these are the initial ideas and that the feasibility of carrying them out will be analyzed along with the proponents.

Two lines of action were defined. The first has to do with the visibility of the existence of the Sierra Nevada and the communities that live there and their importance to the world. For this first line of action, the following strategies were proposed:

1. Constitute the group "Friends of the Sierra Nevada" made up of people from around the world who want to commit to supporting different projects in the Sierra and who will become their ambassadors.
2. Carry out a mapping of the possible social, artistic and political actors that could help to visualize the problems of the Sierra Nevada and define strategies to contact and involve them, taking into account the internet and music as two very effective means for that purpose.
3. Create a document that can be used by participants to share through social networks, to be accompanied by photographs that clearly identify the damage caused to nature by mining, dams and other mega projects.
4. Elaborate texts and graphic material so that other people can share them in their countries of origin.



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5. Identify successful cases of indigenous communities worldwide that have achieved the legal recognition for natural elements or parts thereof.
6. Promote in the international festival of slow food, at the table of indigenous issues, the need to protect the Sierra Nevada and its indigenous communities.

The second line of action proposes the need to approach national and international organizations, for this purpose it is proposed:

7. Identify United Nations funds to petition for resources.
8. Lobby for the Colombian government to give the indigenous peoples of the Sierra Nevada the status of ambassadors for sustainable development in the world.

Once the dialogue of these five days has finished and after getting together to strengthen the permanence of our thoughts and understand our cultures a little more, we commit ourselves to the Dawn of a New Time, continuing with our work of restoring the balance of our Mother earth from our diverse traditions and territories, honoring our cultural diversity and recognizing ourselves as a spiritual unit and in this way continuing to take care of ourselves, understand each other and live together.

And to the extent of our possibilities and scope, we commit ourselves to continue supporting the processes of strengthening the spiritual, cultural and territorial permanence of the indigenous peoples of the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta.

In proof thereof this document is signed in Seykun, on September 15th, 2018.