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**DECLARATION OF THE AMAZON
COMMUNITY FUNDS NETWORK
FOR COP30**

We, the Brazilian Amazon Funds, representatives of Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendant peoples, extractivists, family farmers, and traditional communities, articulated in the Amazon Community Funds Network, address the Presidency of the 30th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP30), to be held in Belém do Pará, and the UNFCCC Secretariat, bringing the urgency and wisdom of those who feel, in their bodies and territories, the devastating effects of the climate emergency.

The Network of Funds is an alliance built from territorial movements of the Amazon and currently involves nine community funds: **The Rio Negro Indigenous Fund (FIRN), the Dema Fund, the Autonomous Fund of Rural Women of the Amazon Luzia Dorothy do Espírito Santo, the Mizizi Dudu Quilombola Fund, the Puxirum Extractivist Fund, the Babassu Fund, the Timbira Fund, the Podáali Indigenous Fund, and the Rutî Indigenous Fund.** All these funds are managed directly by us, the peoples of the Amazon, and represent concrete experiences of self-management and direct access to resources, which strengthen our territories, our ways of life, and our own sustainable economies.

The Amazon is dangerously approaching its tipping point, a critical threshold that could trigger irreversible transformations and climate collapse with global impacts. This reality results from predatory activities and unsustainable development policies. Yet it is also a territory of resistance and care that sustains life, biodiversity, and the planet's climate balance. For centuries, we, the peoples of the Amazon, have been the true guardians of sociobiodiversity and of the forests that absorb vast amounts of carbon, helping regulate the climate and maintain the planet's balance. Our territories are collective, inalienable, and ancestral. Our relationship with the land is the basis of our existence, of the transmission of knowledge, and of our capacity to confront environmental, social, and climate crises.

COPs remain spaces distant from our realities. COP30, however, has been announced as a "turning point COP," directed towards action and open to hearing the contributions of our sciences and practices. For this reason, we demand that the decisions taken in Belém effectively incorporate our voices, our proposals, and our forms of organization. Direct, flexible, and appropriate financing is not merely an instrument: it is a condition to guarantee the autonomy of the peoples of the Amazon and to strengthen their self-management. This means recognizing community funds as legitimate instruments of access to climate resources, capable of mobilizing, managing, distributing, and thus delivering the results of climate finance more rapidly and effectively to the territories. It means ensuring non-earmarked resources, directed to the strengthening and maintenance of grassroots community organizations, their governance structures, teams, and initiatives, recognizing their role in climate action. Likewise, it means establishing concrete annual targets of financial contributions, on a scale compatible with the urgency of the climate crisis, ensuring that such resources are managed based on our own governance mechanisms, safeguards, and ways of guaranteeing transparency and legitimacy.

The climate crisis has causes, names, and those responsible. If the Amazon falls, the planet collapses. We will not accept symbolic participation. We demand real presence, respect for our forms of organization, and the collective construction of climate solutions proposed from the territories.

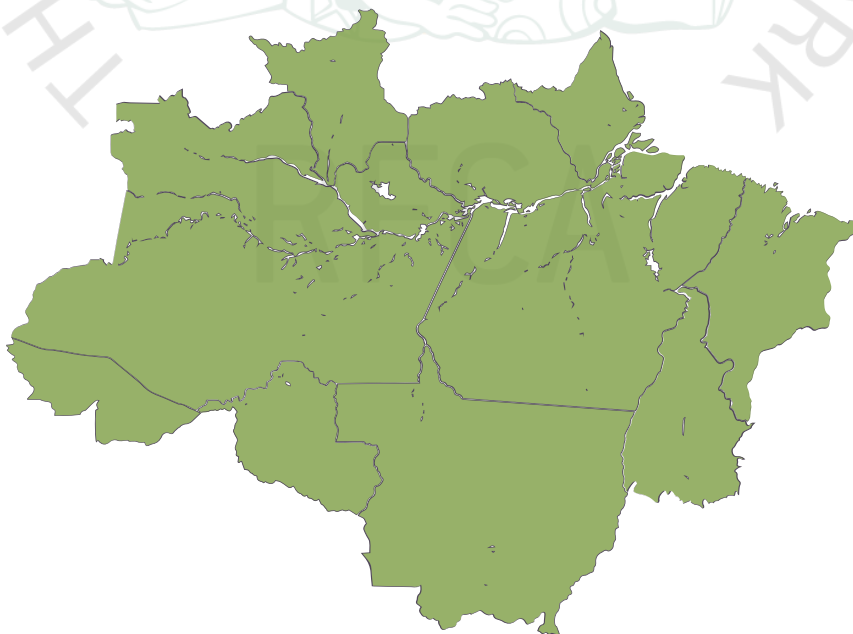
**For all those who came before and for all those who will come after, we reaffirm:
THE ANSWER IS US!**

AMAZON COMMUNITY FUNDS NETWORK PROPOSALS FOR COP30

1. DIRECT AND AUTONOMOUS FINANCING.

Direct, flexible, and appropriate financing must be recognized as a pillar of global climate action. The Amazonian Community funds already demonstrate consolidated management capacity, with their own mechanisms of governance, transparency, and effectiveness. Therefore, we propose establishing a minimum annual allocation target of USD 1 billion from climate finance directly to the funds and representative organizations of the peoples of the Amazon, amplifying the impact of their self-management and the autonomy of the territories.

These resources must prioritize direct access to multilateral climate funds (such as the Loss and Damage Fund, the Adaptation Fund, the Green Climate Fund, the TFFF, and others), ensuring effective safeguards that guarantee respect for consultation protocols, the right to free, prior and informed consent, and the governance systems of the peoples of the Amazon. We stress the importance of multilateral funds creating dedicated windows for community-based organizations and funds, ensuring the eligibility of our funds. This means ensuring that financing truly strengthens local economies, ways of life, and sustainable productive systems across the Amazon's diversity, from dense forests to savannas, from floodplains to wetlands and babassu groves.



2. LAND TENURE REGULARIZATION AND TERRITORIAL PROTECTION.

The protection of the Amazon necessarily depends on the guarantee of territorial rights. We defend the demarcation of Indigenous territories, the titling of Quilombola territories, and collective use of lands (territories) such as extractive reserves (Resex), agro-extractive settlement projects (PAE), sustainable development reserves (RDS), and sustainable settlement projects (PAES).

These measures, along with agrarian reform for family farming, are central climate strategies. It is essential that Brazil's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) include specific budgets and binding targets, ensuring respect for our right to veto territorial uses. We, the peoples of the Amazon, are already elaborating and presenting our own NDCs, which must be recognized and incorporated into national NDCs, so they truly express our contributions and solutions to the climate crisis.

We recommend that Brazil take an active role in building international commitments, propose more ambitious targets, and act to influence other countries to recognize the centrality of territories, and their guardians, in climate action. Monoculture projects, eucalyptus plantations, large infrastructure projects, and forms of natural resource exploitation that threaten the integrity of the Amazon must be revoked, as they negate the climatic and socio-environmental character of the territories. Combating deforestation and forest fires must be treated as a priority, with clear targets and effective mechanisms of monitoring, prevention, and accountability.



3. RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES.

The Amazon is a territory of science, technology, and traditional knowledge and cannot be reduced to a vision of passive conservation. For millennia, our peoples have produced complex systems of management, cultivation, restoration, and protection that constitute true schools of climate innovation. We demand the recognition of these knowledges, sciences, and technologies as legitimate strategies of mitigation, adaptation, and restoration. This entails guaranteeing collective rights over authorship and intellectual property, ensuring protection protocols against misappropriation, and valuing the territories as living centers of scientific production, where ancestral knowledge dialogues on an equal footing with contemporary solutions to confront the global crisis.

4. ADEQUATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES.

It is necessary to recognize that we, the peoples of the Amazon, have already created our own financial mechanisms: legitimate, effective, and rooted in our territories. These mechanisms must be fully recognized, not as exceptions or pilot experiences, but as a structuring part of global climate governance.

Peoples and communities cannot be expected to mold themselves to external rules to access climate finance. On the contrary, it is the international mechanisms that must adapt to community realities. This means: guaranteeing access to resources without the exclusive requirement of corporate registration (CNPJ); recognizing and financing operational costs as part of resilience, treating the strengthening of grassroots community organizations as legitimate climate investment; strengthening our governance systems; and adopting appropriate accountability mechanisms, with indicators defined by the peoples themselves and with participatory monitoring.

We also propose the designation of seats and voting rights for community-based organizations in the governance of multilateral funds, ensuring participation from design through to decision-making and evaluation of implemented resources.



5. PROTECTION OF LIFE.

In the Amazon, defending the climate means defending life. We propose that the protection of leaders, communities, human rights defenders, and Indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation be explicitly recognized as a strategic climate action. This means establishing the protection of life as a guiding principle in climate agreements, creating mechanisms for monitoring, early warning, and rapid response, and explicitly registering in the Global Stocktake that the defense of Amazonian peoples, territories, and leaders is inseparable from the struggle against the climate crisis.

6. CENTRALITY OF WOMEN AND YOUTH.

A just transition and climate action will only be possible with the centrality of Amazonian women. We defend their full and effective participation in the decision-making spaces of COP30 and in all instances of climate policy formulation. We propose strengthening direct financing mechanisms specifically directed to women in the territories. They must be recognized as protagonists and climate authorities, whose leadership ensures the continuity of life and the preservation of the forest.

The participation of youth is also strategic for the protection of territories and for climate innovation. We defend their effective inclusion in territorial governance programs, in the elaboration of management plans, and in community financing projects, with clear representativity targets and with young leaders acting as continuity in the contemporary disputes, for youth are at once both the continuation and the fruit of our struggles.



7. GOVERNMENT COHERENCE AND CONCRETE COMMITMENTS.

There is no international credibility without national coherence. We demand that the Brazilian government comply with its constitutional obligation to protect the territories and the rights of the peoples of the Amazon, revoking measures that threaten life, such as the Time Frame thesis (Marco Temporal). It is necessary to block the expansion of pesticides, mining, fossil fuel exploitation, large hydroelectric dams, and other high-impact projects.

We also stress the need to strengthen and fully implement national policies such as the National Policy for Territorial and Environmental Management of Indigenous Lands (PNGATI, in Portuguese) and the National Policy for Territorial and Environmental Management of Quilombola Territories (PNGTAQ, in Portuguese). These policies, with all their pillars, including participatory territorial planning, environmental protection, sustainable resource use, strengthening of differentiated rural education, and promotion of culturally appropriate socio-economic development, are central instruments to guarantee socio-environmental and climate justice in the territories.

Finally, we reaffirm the demand for the full and decision-making participation of the peoples of the Amazon at all levels of the UNFCCC, ensuring that our demands and proposals have real effect in national and international policies.

The planet can no longer wait. Our territories, our leaders, our sciences are an irreplaceable part of the solution. For current and future generations, for Mother Earth, and for all humanity,

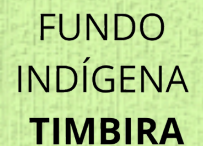
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