

Indigenous Peoples Declaration at the Second World Peace Congress Held in Barcelona 15 – 17 October 2021

*Roots have spread out from the Tree of Great Peace.
One to the north, one to the east, one to the south,
and one to the west. These are the Great White Roots,
and their nature is Peace and Strength*

*~ From Wampun 2, The Great Law of Peace, Indigenous Constitution of
Iroquois Confederacy*

Indigenous peoples congratulate the people of the world gathered at Barcelona, 15-17 October 2021 and who virtually joined in from around the world and call upon all at the Second World Peace Congress to recognize and acknowledge our clarion call for ending of all forms of warfare, manufacturing and proliferation of arms and call for the de-militarization and disarming of Indigenous Peoples' lands, territories, and resources. Violence against Mother Earth must stop. NOW !

We urge for the immediate removal of current entrenched colonial policies and martial laws which violate indigenous peoples' human rights and take away the right to life and existence of indigenous peoples and nations. We also call for vigilance against militarizing our democracies and communities, Militarization and securitization has been a mechanism of control and genocide of indigenous peoples and call for the removal of all military bases from indigenous lands, territories, and resources and that ancestral lands that were taken from indigenous peoples be returned to traditional landowners.

Further, we call on the removal of all military bases that are constructed on countries' non-self-governing territories as recognized by the United Nation's Committee on Decolonization, as in the case of the United States and Guam.

Colonial martial law must be repealed in all indigenous communities such as the clarion call to join Indigenous women of Manipur for the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act imposed on 45 million Indigenous Peoples of Manipur & Northeast India since 1958.

Indigenous peoples also call upon the immediate stopping of environmental violence committed on indigenous peoples' bodies affecting their health, land, territories, and resources. Nations must stop the exploitation of indigenous resources and the toxic contamination of the land, air, sea, and space. This includes radiation, dioxins, PFAS, nuclear waste, pesticides and insecticides and other chemicals, and the influx of narcotics drugs and guns which are harmful with detrimental health impacts. Military bases often build on indigenous lands; indigenous peoples manifest high rates of cancer and other diseases as a result of excessive exposure to military waste and contaminants.

We make an urgent appeal against the imminent human rights violations suffered by indigenous communities in different parts of the Amazonia, particularly in Brazil. We highlight the efforts of indigenous leaders to preserve nature and ancestral territories in the Amazon Rainforest and their continued resilience in opposition to illegal land grabbers, oil company invasions, loggers, and miners. We call upon the governments of the 9 countries sharing the Amazon Rainforest to protect indigenous warriors in their fight to defend the rainforests against deforestation and land grabs. This historical fight represents the strength of the more than 350 indigenous groups inhabiting the Amazonia and governmental authorities must not ignore their pleas.

We also call upon the Second World Peace Congress to recognize the historic legacy of innovative Indigenous Peoples Mechanisms and practices of ending wars especially the role of Indigenous Women in peacebuilding, conflict resolution and disarmament. Indigenous peoples' traditional practices such as the "Great Law of Peace" of the Iroquois Confederacy as well as "Cheinarol" since time immemorial have served as a blueprint for international relations and diplomacy practiced at the highest levels. Therefore, we insist that peace and disarmament efforts include decision making by indigenous peoples, indigenous women and nations if a gender just and sustainable world is to be realized.

We also call upon governments around the world to stop the threats, intimidation, sexual violence, trafficking and killing of Indigenous women and girls by domestic and foreign military members as well as armed gunmen. Recognizing that sexual violence is a form of armed violence; indigenous women and girls living in militarized, weaponized communities are at an alarmingly high risk of sexual exploitation. Furthermore, the presence of the sex work industry that target military members increases the vulnerability of indigenous women and girls to sex trafficking and sex work in economically disadvantaged communities. This needs to end.

We also call upon the restoration of democracy in Myanmar and stop the killing of Indigenous Peoples and release of all political prisoners including Thin Thin Aung and hundreds of activists and restore democracy, human rights and rule of law in Indo-Burma border.

We also call for the establishment of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions to ensure that the historical wrongs done to Indigenous Peoples be made right. We call upon all nations to recognize and implementation of the historic 1997 United Nation's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The world's indigenous peoples belonging to the Global Alliance of Indigenous Peoples, Gender Justice and Peace extends an invitation to the International Peace Bureau to hold a future Peace Congress in Indigenous Peoples' Sovereign Lands and Territories.

We extend our invitation to the rest of the world to adhere to a new "Great Law of Peace" which we have developed to enable us to live in sync with Mother Nature and enable us to reimagine a world that is free from wars, conflicts, racism, militarism, environmental violence and disasters.

Long live people's power.