



Public Letter from Indigenous Nationalities and Organizations of Ecuador and Peru Rejecting the Unconsulted Agreement between State Oil Companies Petroperú and Petroecuador

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We, the undersigned representatives of the Indigenous nationalities and organizations of Ecuador and Peru – including the Achuar Federation of Peru (FENAP), the Autonomous Territorial Government of the Wampís Nation, the Autonomous Territorial Government of the Chapra Nation, the Binational Coordinator of the Achuar People of Ecuador and Peru (COBNAEP), the Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Rainforests (AIDSESEP), the Achuar People of Ecuador, the Shiwiar People of Ecuador (NASHIE), the Sápára People of Ecuador (NASE), the Kichwa Runakuna of Pastaza (PAKKIRU), and the Andwa People of Pastaza in Ecuador (NAPE), the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of the Ecuadorian Amazon (CONFENIAE) – issue this statement in response to the public declarations made on July 28, 2025, by Peruvian President Dina Boluarte. She announced the signing of an inter-institutional cooperation agreement between Petroperú and Petroecuador to interconnect the Norperuvian Pipeline with oil blocks in Ecuador’s southern Amazon. We declare the following:

1. **A surprise to our Peoples**

This announcement shocked Indigenous Peoples in both Peru and Ecuador, who have endured decades of threats and harm from the oil industry. These declarations reflect the desperation of governments to push forward failed and unviable projects. In Ecuador, Indigenous Peoples have already discussed the government’s attempt to relaunch the “Southern Amazon oil round” in territorial assemblies, a project that collapsed more than 10 years ago due to Indigenous resistance and rejection. In Peru, increasing crude transport through the Norperuvian Pipeline – which cuts through our territories – would only multiply the spills we have suffered for decades, all in a desperate attempt to pay off debt from the Talara Refinery.

2. No consultation, no consent

We reaffirm that this agreement – previously unknown to us and undisclosed by Ecuadorian authorities – was made without consultation or consent. It violates both national and international law, including ILO Convention 169, the American Convention on Human Rights, the Constitution of Ecuador, and Peru's Prior Consultation Law (No. 29785). We have the right to be consulted, through our representative organizations, on any project that may affect us directly or indirectly. Many of us are also Transboundary Indigenous Peoples, protected by Article 32 of ILO Convention 169, which obliges States to safeguard our territories and ways of life across imposed borders that have fragmented our self-determination.

3. A historic debt

The governments of Ecuador and Peru – and their state companies – owe a historic debt to our Peoples, who have borne the consequences of unilateral, unconsulted oil exploitation in the Amazon, one of the planet's most vital ecosystems. We cannot trust governments that have ignored Ecuador's democratic mandate to leave oil in the ground in Yasuní, or those that continue to neglect the cleanup of oil spills that have already reached the Pacific coasts of both countries.

4. Contradicting global climate commitments

We reject these political and economic maneuvers to expand oil production in both countries. They directly contradict findings from the United Nations and the International Energy Agency, which have made clear that new oil projects must end to avoid climate collapse, especially in ecosystems as critical as the Amazon and the oceans.

5. International campaign and investor warning

We declare ourselves on alert. Beginning today, we will launch an international campaign to warn oil companies, major banks, and potential investors that any involvement in this project will make them complicit in violating our rights. We reiterate that these operations lack our consent, are invalid, and will ultimately be annulled.

6. A warning before the Amazon Summit

We express our deep concern that this unconsulted announcement comes just ahead of the upcoming Amazon Summit of Presidents and meetings of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO). These forums should prioritize protecting the Amazon, not exploiting it. In the face of the climate emergency, the only sensible and coherent path forward is for the governments of Peru and Ecuador to abandon plans for new oil operations in the Amazon and the oceans. This is the kind of leadership expected from Amazonian States on the road to COP 30 in Belém.