



RESOLUTION #23

TITLE: INVOLVING ECUADOR'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE DECISION MAKING FOREXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY

WHEREAS

- The territories of the indigenous peoples of Ecuador are the last remnants of the country's Wilderness
- Petroleum, mining and wood extraction concessions are deteriorating these forests, finishing off the wild fauna, polluting the sources of clean water and the soil, and deteriorating all of the area's natural qualities, therefore destroying the ecosystems
- The activities of the extractive concessions also affect society, doing away with the lifestyles of the indigenous peoples who have traditionally made use of the resources in a sustainable manner, and contributing to the loss of racial and cultural diversity, as well as the loss of potentially medicinal species or of those of a type that as yet has not been studied.
- In general, extractive concessions degrade the condition of the territories of the indigenous people of Ecuador and their capacity for sustainable development

THEREFORE

- The WILD9 delegates recognize the importance of wilderness for the wellbeing of human populations
- **We recognize that some times extractive industries have contributed to the exploitation of indigenous people and violations of their rights**

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- The WILD9 Congress resolves to ask the government of Ecuador to:
- **Consult and include the indigenous people** of Ecuador in the assessment of any extractive industries development in their traditional territories

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