



Charter of the International collective to support the Amazonian Indigenous Surui people.

Who are we?

– We are a collective of responsible global citizens working to stop the increasing destruction, since the beginning of 2016, of the "Indigenous land of the 7th September" and the aggression towards the indigenous Paiter Surui Amazonian people living there.

– We endeavour to defend the forest from invading deforesters and gold and diamond miners who violate the Constitution of the Federative Republic of Brazil which states that it is illegal to deforest an indigenous reserve.

"The land traditionally occupied by Indians is intended to be their permanent possession; the exclusive usufruct of the riches of the soil, waterways and lakes belonging to them". Constitution of the Federative Republic of Brazil (1988), chapter VIII, ART 231, p. 46.

– We also protest against gold mining and the senseless use of mercury and cyanide that pollutes the Amazon biodiversity and threatens the indigenous peoples right to health. Profoundly humanist, we reject all forms of violence and xenophobia between Brazilians and indigenous peoples.

The Paiter Surui amazonian people continue the fight to preserve the forests natural resources – before their first contact with the "white man" 40 years ago, there were over 5,000 Paiter Surui. Three years later, in 1971, the tribes, reduced to less than 300, were decimated by war and diseases brought by the 'white man'. The Paiter Surui survived and from the age of fourteen, Almir Narayamoga Surui ("he that unites") has lead his people to stand up for the recognition of their indigenous rights and for the protection of the forest.

Our intentions ?

– Answer to the cry of help by Almir Narayamoga Surui, chief du indigenous Surui people.

– Obtain from the new brazilian government the strict application of brazilian law which enforces that invasions on demarcated indigenous lands are totally illegal. Only an official action by the Brazilian State can stop the invasion. The Surui people are totally disarmed to prevent ecocide of such magnitude.

- Create a collective group of Amazonian specialists, lawyers, research institutes, media, NGOs, associations and citizens with the objective to create synergies to pressurize the new Brazilian government to enforce the law.
- Obtain the establishment of an international mission to observe deforestation. The Amazon ecosystem has a vital value to mankind and requires special attention.
- Educate individuals to understand that a transition towards a sustained and managed forest, respecting the natural balance and indigenous people, is socially beneficial and economically viable.

Our actions ?

- Creation of tools and freely accessible documents, (including via a website and social networks), which are based on verified information by Almir Surui, verifiable on the territory, so that members may readily react to troubling situations.
- The direct appeal to the new Brazilian government, Brazilian embassies around the world, UN agencies, and leaders of the National Indian Foundation (FUNAI) to stop this ecological slaughter and avoid the worst in human loss.
- Develop the awareness and responsibility of each one of us by raising awareness of interdependence (or connection) between the Amazon and ourselves. Indeed, the damage caused by the exploitation of the soil, fauna and flora of the "Indigenous Land of September September", amongst other areas of the forest, may/has have a knock-on effect throughout the world where lifestyles and commodities will be compromised. We are currently working to widely diffuse this information.

Our function?

- Understanding these rights and values, we are committed to work together in a spirit of mutual respect. As such, we help foster a democratic space of freedom where everyone is called upon to be responsible and proactive without order of hierarchy and so encourage collaborative work so that our actions are not only richer and relevant. Membership of the "International collective to support the Amazonian Indigenous Surui people", may be obtained by invitation by an already established member.
- We believe, as according to international law, that the preservation of the natural world, indigenous peoples and the common heritage of mankind should be the basis of political or economic decisions. We choose that our actions are unbiased so that all elected members and all citizens may be heard.

Our resources ?

- The group reserves the right to use donations to cover expenses related to communication and other initiatives necessary to increase efficiency of the campaign, ie: website, reports on site and publication costs.