

# **INTIRUNA**

## **RED DE TURISMO INDIGENA DE LAS AMERICAS**

### DECLARATION

The community members present at this gathering represent indigenous communities and tribal groups, institutions, and small and medium enterprises from all the different countries of Abya Yala, here convened in the community of Frontera Corozal, Chiapas. We do hereby make a declaration, in the tradition of the first declaration made in Quito, Ecuador, by which the organization INTIRUNA is founded and its structure and purpose outlined.

The undersigned do hereby demand that their local and national governments, as well as multilateral organizations with international influence support and guarantee our right to development. This right is guaranteed by various international treaties, where tourism stands as one alternative form of development: Convention 169 of the International Labour Organisation (1989), concerning indigenous and tribal peoples in independent countries; United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007); and the Convention on Biological Diversity (2010).

Within the central approaches of this 2nd conference of INTIRUNA, we express the following core beliefs and points of action:

- a) That it is necessary to improve the national strategies and political mechanisms governing tourism, such that they recognize the realities of our tribal groups and communities.
- b) That tourism represents one alternative, and only one among many, for the development of our tribal groups and communities.
- c) That the plans, programs and projects of tourism that are implemented by us have the following components, among others:
  - Solidarity
  - Cooperation
  - Respect
  - Preservation of ceremonial centers and ancestral traditions
  - Conservation, preservation and sustainable use of ecosystems and biological diversity
  - Recovery and recognition of cultural value

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➤ The “Cosmovision” of our indigenous groups

The totality of these elements forms the basis for Indigenous Tourism (Turismo Indígena) practiced by the members of the INTIRUNA association.

- d) That all tourism development undertaken in our territories by outside individuals not part of the community must take measures to minimize the threat to our communities and tribal groups, and to our culture, environment, and way of life.
  - e) That the businesses run by indigenous communities must be economically viable, ecologically sustainable, and socially just.
  - f) That the code of ethics, rules of engagement, and the certification in turn of indigenous tourism should originate from the community of indigenous peoples themselves, and thus make our voice heard in the global marketplace, and allow us to succeed based on our own efforts.
  - g) That in all moments we work toward solidarity and cooperation between our indigenous communities and organizations, through proposals to educational institutions and national and international NGOs, always in terms of equality, and never one above the other.
  - h) That the managing committee here elected should search for the necessary resources to:
    - Proceed to the strengthening of the member enterprises of INTIRUNA.
    - Construct, design and find hosting for a website that contains information about INTIRUNA and each of its member enterprises.
    - Research, gather, produce and disseminate information on tourism at the national and international levels.
    - To bring to fruition the next meeting of INTIRUNA (expected 2011) in Colombia, while the headquarters of the organization as a whole will be established in Puno, Peru.
    - To complete experience exchanges between the member enterprises of INTIRUNA, at both national and international levels.
    - To promote, disseminate, and market tourism services offered by the member enterprises of INTIRUNA.
- h) That the preceding should be the basis for carrying out the mission, the vision, the objectives, the goals and the conceptual theoretical framework and strategy of INTIRUNA, such that we may proceed to strengthen our organization, and such that we will have greater power in political debates within each of the Multinational States of which we form part.

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All those here present reaffirm these rights secured after many years of struggle within the international indigenous movement, in which are reflected (among others) the basic rights of free and prior informed consent, the right to development, and the right of refusal. The undersigned also affirm that we continue to fight to secure the free exercise, in our territories, of free self determination reflected in the two parallel indexes of human development, and political, economic, social and cultural empowerment of our communities and tribal groups.

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Signed in the Lacandón forests of Chiapas, México, February 27, 2010.