

# **FOR A SECOND INDEPENDENCE A NEW PATH TO FREEDOM**

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The Colombian Massif lives, We All live  
The honorable council and administration, the campesino  
organizations, the indigenous and the great La Vega Municipality as  
representatives of all citizens and communities

Considering:

1. That the La Vega municipality and the surrounding region, the Crown of the Colombian Massif, constitute a biodiverse and multicultural entity.
2. That the ancestral indigenous and campesino cultures, guardians of the Great Illuminated Mountain Range (the Andes) have here in this place their roots of identity and sense of self, where their words are understood and where they find the conditions for their spiritual and material well-being.
3. That the peaks, mountains, plateaus, lagoons, waterfalls, precious metals and minerals, hydrocarbons, hidden in the bowels of the earth and all of the biogenetic, natural and ecological riches properly belong to all of the cultures of the Crown of the Colombian Massif.
4. That it is the task of public institutions to comply with the decisions made by the various communities and their respective organizations.
5. That, historically speaking, the struggle for freedom has always been a struggle for freedom from oppression, from domination, from subjugation and internal and external intervention.
6. That the path toward freedom of the Crown of the Colombian Massif should be considered a Heroic Deed which ought to be valued for its political, economic, religious impact.

## **WE DECLARE**

1. We are committed to preserve the Crown of the Colombian Massif and will save it from ruination and expropriation.
2. We will make every effort to ensure territorial unity and to ensure the preservation of this incomparable land as a common good of all

mankind in whose name the communities located there act as custodians.

3. That we will defend the sovereignty over the realm of the Crown of the Colombian Massif, together with the people who live here, who are a source of energy who guarantee life in dignity for present and future generation.

4. That our decisions as public functionaries and social organizations will never go against conditions which allow for smallholder production, as well as biological and cultural diversity of this region.

5. That Autonomy and Independence of the people of the Colombian Massif are intimately connected with the unwavering determination to prevent any kind of foreign or domestic intervention which would deprive them of their ancestral lands which they have been custodians of.

6. That the best way to take charge of our own destiny should be an integrated life plan, capturing dreams, interests, and expectations of those who live in this land in an equitable and just fashion, based on ethical and social politics.

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