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Global climate action: indigenous rights, territories and resources

The fires in the Amazon basin, which continue to burn into November, are mainly the result of such human activities as land clearing and deforestation. So far, over a million hectares have been decimated.

COICA, the umbrella organisation of indigenous peoples in the Amazon basin, declared a humanitarian and ecological emergency due to the devastating situation. More than 500 indigenous peoples are in immediate danger; the destruction of the rainforest and its biodiversity can hardly be estimated. They are an irreparable loss for humankind!

The pressure on the Amazon and the (indigenous) peoples living there is growing steadily, above all due to the economic development of the region. In addition to the expansion of agricultural land, for example, through cattle breeding and soy cultivation, the construction of settlements and roads as well as the mining activities contribute to the destruction of Amazonia's rainforests.

There is a direct link between deforestation, human rights violations, the current situation of indigenous peoples and European imports. E.g. Europe is Brazil's second largest market for consumer goods and raw materials. Our consumption behaviour thus helped trigger the situation in Amazonia and is providing incentives for the burning of the rainforest.

The EU-Mercosur trade agreement in its current form will only aggravate the situation and that the EU doesn't have any tool in place to ensure that its imports do not cause deforestation and human rights violations. There is growing momentum worldwide to require companies to undertake human rights and environmental due diligence and hold companies accountable for their negative impacts.

Together with our indigenous guests from Colombia and Peru we would like to discuss the actual situation in the Amazon basin and the need to securing indigenous territories.



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