**DECLARATION OF MOVEMENT REDELDIA MONTES AZULES**

In the ejido (common land) of Pichucalco Biosphere Reserve Montes Azules, in the Lacandon Jungle, we, delegates of Redeldía Movement Montes Azules met from April 8th to 10th for an urgent plea: the inclusion of **BIODIVERSITY AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE** of indigenous peoples in the draft Trans-Pacific Agreement (ATP), the largest multinational free trade agreement so far. Accompanied by sisters and brothers in other parts of Chiapas and Mexico is our country, we deal in understanding capitalism and how companies engaged in biogenetics want to privatize this heritage, collective until now, and how we are going to defend it and work in alternative uses and practices.

In our call we addressed 3 objectives:

1. **Report the privatization wave of global biodiversity** that capitalists and their governments are about to impose over our heads;
2. **Do something** to stop them and also to build the communities’ alternative ;
3. And, to complete the remedy, **offer a new edge of resistance** in the wider struggle of the people that gives encouragement to other struggles and enthusiasm to those who, momentarily, have lost the battle against the structural reforms that touch them.

**Based on the above we have agreed to pursue the following PLAN OF ACTION:**

Defense Plan:

1. **Report** by all means this new big threat to our lands.

2. Ask villages and communities of the Lacandon Jungle of Chiapas and Mexico to **declare the moratorium, in other words, to not participate in:**

1. **Conservation programs** that bring SEMARNAT or CONAFOR or CONANP or the imperceptible CONABIO;

b) **The program of privatization of land** that brings LA SEDATU-Procuraduría known as FANAR (who certifies solar, parcels and common areas);

c) **The research of hills and knowledge** of the people that are extracted by researchers or students and then the gringos, their companies or the military to update their reports and better dominate us.

In the coming months the Movement Redeldía will provide more information about these three axes of threat to the land and to the culture of the people- the **conservation, agricultural land certification and research, which they do not control nor serve the communities**-to further justify why we ask you not to participate in those projects.

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3. **Shaping a global site** to denounce the ways, strategies and actors looting the forests and the traditional knowledge (in an open biopiracy or under the neoliberal protection of the Biodiversity Convention and the Nagoya Protocol) and to organize a global drive to alert their consumers.

4. **Encourage cooperative global distribution** of biodiversity and traditional knowledge, as well as other common goods, to hinder businesses and foreign powers its privatization and to then turn useless their cursed patents.

5. Convene the organization of **regional collection** **centers** in the villages.

6. **To oppose the passage of the Lacandon clearing or clearing capitalists,** as we call it, because it is for the benefit of investors who need the territory very well delineated before starting their biogenetic looting and that the federal government is sending its servants from the Agricultural Register to mark this boundary.

Work Plan or alternatives

1. Promote, with support that is independent from the government and persons and groups who serve him, **the recovery of our traditional knowledge and practices and also of our own history**, and safekeeping them in archives controlled by the communities or organizations or persons of proven confidence;

2. **To promote the use and management of biodiversity among peoples and community**, mainly to satisfy our needs for health and nutrition;

3. Develop our own community management plans and make progress on ecotechniques and to accomplish **exchanges** in agroecologies with groups and village brothers.

**The GREEN WAR coming next to the jungles and forests in Chiapas and Mexico**

Three events that occurred on **April 10th**

One. - In memory of the 95th anniversary of the assassination of General Emiliano Zapata at the hands of the supreme government, the Movement Redeldía concluded his meeting with the reading at the foot of our flag, of the forgotten Plan de Ayala that sparked the 1911 Mexican Revolution.   
  
Two. - In response (and to appease their employers), the Chiapas government declares hours later: "There will be no land regularization for groups living in Montes Azules." What goes on to say*: In Chiapas money talks, Zapata and his peasants are dead*.   
  
Three. – On April 10th the Tojolabales Peasants roamed drunk in the militarized ejido of San Quentin bragging of all the things they can buy (even if they have spent most of it in alcohol). They just received payment from Conservation in exchange of giving the government their forests and commit to reduce their growing areas.

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**Synthesis theme of the Redeldía Encounter Movement held from April 8th to 10th**

A new and very big threat even though it has almost surrounded us and most still manages not to see it, is what we here in the Pichucalco ejido of the Lacandon Jungle, home of Redeldía Movement of the Montez Azules. We come to make it clear to learn point by point what is occurring, so we can plan what we can do for the communities in the jungles and forests of Chiapas and the country, the people of Mexico and the world, they will be cognizant and alert but, also, that between us all we manage to coordinate our way to recover from its uses and management.

We speak of a vast new area of exploitation for trade not yet touched by the money and only comparable in their potential for profit and domination with oil: the biodiversity, that variety of life forms - animals, plants, fungi and bacteria - that capitalism had previously despised but found ways to take advantage, to privatize, and to take its’ control.

So it is. The main transnational patent companies of medicine, food and other products of social need, of no more than ten countries in the world led by the United States and Germany were able to do in approximately 30 years to developed a new technology for industrial use –the modern biotechnology, or biogenetic - from which can be extracted alive (and operating according to the same) the smaller parts of a being to put them in a seed or in a medicine. These micro parts are what they called micro active principles, genes or genetic resources, words that are similar to the word genesis of the bible that refers to the principles of creationism. Well then. These micro parts called genes, genetic resources or active principles that are taken from the blood of animals or plants, or fungi or bacteria and put them to work apart, as it were to say by themselves, to serve on medicinal products or food or other uses, that the companies patent them. Since this patent, no one else for 20 years can use them freely; and now we will need to pay for them at the price the companies decide.

So, with that biotechnology or biogenetic, that commercially are separating the usable parts of a living being, the capitalists get to privatize to a single owner and for something that belong to us and we all need. Because God created Biodiversity and put it on the world to take by whoever needed it and gave His knowledge to some as a gift to help their brothers and sisters to the share, not to turn it into goods or business. And it was not because of our work that it came out, like the crops or coffee. When we arrived the biodiversity was already there and growing free.  
  
Well, with its biogenetic, companies feel they have finally found the key to the creation, the divine will that they will transform into a capitalist key of two heads: one for the business of the 21st century, bio-businesses, and another to access the door of world domination that gives them control over life. So from since they achieved this about 30 years ago they are making strong pressure to convert it, this their biogenetic, in the productive base of a new global economy and even to a new era of social organization that will gradually replace oil era that dominated the twentieth century and that, someday, each time closer will come to its end.  
  
The key of this new transnational capitalism is not only in their equipment. It also includes their powerful governments, the vassal neoliberal governments of our countries, the scientists from universities and research centers working for them, the environmentalists oenegés –non-governmental organizations- (The Nature Conservancy, International Conservation, WWF, Natura Mexicana, Natural Spaces, the Pronatura and others massaged as green), and even the offices of health (WHO), the environment (UNEP), and culture (UNESCO) of the United Nations.

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But even with all this power that they now have in their hands, the merchants of biodiversity face a huge problem: they know that to master the sources of life is not enough to have the powerful key that already possess, i.e., not enough to have equipment, money, scientists, oenegés, and environmentalists on their side. To complete their project they need to control or at least have access to lands where biodiversity is born and grown and to the knowledge we have of it, and that all of this is not free just like that but in the possession and custody of the natives and peasants. That is to say, most of the goods of life and traditional knowledge that the capitalists want to privatize (and is why they call it wealth or natural capital) are in the territories and in the knowledge of the villages. And that means for these merchants of life a dual problem: first, in order to legally take the commercially useful part of a plant, an animal, a fungus or a bacterium or to use the knowledge possessed by the natives, companies must have prior permission of the owners of such land and also with the holders of such knowledge (the so called CPI, prior informed consent), and second (and bigger problem for lords of money and politics) because in the culture of our people it is not conceived nor accepted the privatization of the sacred, that is to say, we reject the privatization of what for us is common property, that which God our Father created and put on earth for everyone.  
  
The problem is then big for capitalists. But they, along with the powerful governments of their countries and our vassal governments have made their accounting. Unlike oil or minerals which will end someday, biodiversity is always reborn; it is visible and you just have to take it. There is no pollution and we all need it because we are all made of it. With it we heal ourselves, we cloth ourselves, we feed ourselves, and we cannot live without it. In addition, the people have knowledge of their uses, no need to not wait for years of research. The biodiversity is worth a lot so that the rich called it the *jewel of the green economy* because, it is proven what is good for, that is why is worth economically and politically more than any other known substance in the world, more than the oil itself or the mining industry more than the cars or computers. Regardless of the cost, the capitalists and politicians at their service have made their goal to go and grab it.

Mainly because of that, fellow colleagues, that for over twenty years the federal government and the one from Chiapas, servants of these capitalists, are pushing where we have or had large forests and jungles, so that the communities enter their programs for the CONSERVATION of environmental services or biodiversity, or that the such PRONAFOR now called PROARBOL; so now, too, they ask us to not sow crops. It is not for the oxygen or the climate change or to capture rainwater. All these are excuses that cover our eyes in order so that the neoliberal governments can hide the true purpose of their capitalist masters; the biodiversity is preserved and recovered where it had diminished. So, if you remember, from the time the Conservation programs were established they were also pressuring us to enter the PROCEDE or FANAR, which is a program to privatize land with an individual title of ownership with a dual objective (never declared by the servants of agrarian Attorney that brought it): To end the collective strength of the indigenous people and that the very wealthy can freely take all the resources of our land without asking permission from the Assembly. So, too, the Lacandon, servants to the power in turn (wood in the 70s and today examples of conservationism), want to put their jungle clearing across our land, because in the contracts of biogenetic plunder the land must be well delimited. And finally; therefore, supported by the PRI was that in Chiapas, it was imposed on us a green government, because **for Chiapas**, brothers and sisters, **today the mere capitalism thus comes in this manner**.

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**GREETINGS & NOTICES the (central, lateral and related) characters in this story**

**To our neighbors of the Lacandon Community Zone** concentrated on their own land such as Nelson Mandela suffered in his time, we send two messages. First message goes to the almost fifty percent of the brave people of Nueva Palestina subcommunity that have shaken the environmental deception and environmental domination and have chosen the path of resistance. To you we say that you are a historical example, such as it was in his time it with Nelson Mandela and his people, how he defends and builds a homeland, of how men and women with dignity and awareness raise to take what theirs and not give it to the wealthy foreigner the common heritage of their people and their nation. The second notice goes for the rest “maiceada” or “sleeping Lacandon community”. If we oppose that they pass their jungle clearing across our territory, it is not because we do not want you here as our neighbors but because they are your bosses, the big capitalists, and not you who want to just pass it, but the entrepreneurs that want to invest in the biogenetic looting of the Jungle, first require what they will convert into green gold is very well delimited, because only then and not in another form is how their free trade operates, *consolidation of territories* was called in 2011 by the German government or *legal certainty* as our stupid government calls its certification program of the ejidos (common land). Not because you or your children are going to go live where you went for years asking the government to evict people. And the brave comrades who live in Palestine, not the founders, tried to do it last year and in November the police went to evict them, and although they are also your fellow colleagues who only sought a piece of land in their own land to have a place where to live because they no longer fit in the small piece of land where they were concentrated since forty years ago, and you didn’t even support them, but what about when the rich or the government come to offer them some money in exchange to grab and exploit the biodiversity, the biodiversity that is the heritage of all Mexicans, then yes, you quickly meet and embrace them and give it to them. Aren’t you ashamed to be written down in history, which is what people hear and remember, as people of traitors to their homeland and traitors to their own people, and is it that the money is really making you so blind that you cannot see the that power that is buying you, uses you and in the end they will screw you to steal the natural heritage that is not only yours, but of ALL MEXICANS, especially the poorest Mexicans who need it? Before continuing to deliver the country to foreigners and turning your backs on your own people think about it well because the brave people are still alive and because what is written in history cannot be erased with miracles.

**To the Terrorist Gabriel Montoya,** representative of the Lacandon, who is walking terrorizing neighboring villages who oppose the jungle clearing with a warning video showing the marine forces violently evicting people, we offer a deal: if you stop barking we will give you a sack of 20 kilos of your favorite brand of kibble and a bucket of fresh bones with some meat from the first five calves that will be slaughtered during the next holidays. Are you in?  
  
**To the named Scientific Committee of** **Montes Azules** composed of researchers from Ecosur from Chapingo and UNACH, we say so clearly so that you should think twice before packing their backpacks. Do not even think to show up in our lands. Here foremen, corporals, overseers, and other servants of capital and poor government - which of all these will suit you best? – You are not welcome and if anything, your destiny will be the same as the pig had: You will go back!  
  
**To the environmentalists oenegés (NGOs, includes all kinds of associations, lobby groups and charities) and the revered Julia (Carabias)** it is shameful to enter uninvited to your party while you made everything looked so rosy and while all the glasses in the world were rising in your honor, what a shame but in our house you are not celebrated nor are welcomed n-o-n-e of you.

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**To the mid-level officials and servants in the field**, of the Agrarian Procuradurá (authorities), SEMARNAT, Conafor, Sagarpa and of Conadepi. Better look for another job or ask for salary increase because it will not be as easy to fool or scare people, not at least at these and other parts of the Forest. If you are caught, this time the consequences could be very...bio diverse.  
  
**To the poor mayor of Ocosingo, Chiapas (Lacandon Jungle),** Octavio Albores, from the Green Party (color of the PRI in Chiapas... and the other parties too), who is asking communities in the jungle to accept the good little money that businesses will give them for their land, and every time that we met in Montes Azules coincidently he also arrives at neighboring ejidos to … offer things (never before a municipal president had reached the area), we advise you. 1- Don’t be so obvious; 2 - Learn to bark; 3 - In PRI they give gua gua grrr courses (i.e., bark-like-a-dog courses).  
  
**To the Secretary General of the Government of Chiapas.** The message that you sent to investors on April 10th, in the framework of the 95th anniversary of the assassination of General Emiliano Zapata and the conclusion of our meeting in Montes Azules for the defense of biodiversity, assuring them *that the government will not regularize land in Montes Azules*, it is insufficient to reassure them because, unlike you (politicians dresser), global capitalists, seasoned in real fights, they know what it means when a village called to defend what is theirs. In addition, the power to regulate land in Montes Azules (as in any other federal Natural Protected Area), and in the case of agricultural endowments, it is with the federal not the state, you fool.

**To the director of the National Commission of Natural Protected Areas, CONANP,** Luis Fueyo Mac Donald, who blushed on TV and could not rise again eyelids or articulate coherent words when the director of the program (Espiral, 15 -I- 2014) asked him to put a price on Montes Azules, we suggest you ask in Procus of Justice (of any state in the country) for the course "How to beat a polygraph test despite being a big liar."

**To the Mexican politicians of all levels (**crafty, stupid and idiots**)**, stay at ease, you are not our enemies and could never be under the neoliberal system. It is not against you that we fight and it is even less for you to try to change us. The capitalist world order and the owners of its economic income, the only ones causing the dispossession that we all suffer, these are our goals, the enemy we are fighting. You, the neo-liberal politicians of the third world (because there they are also in the first), and you didn’t put the rules and are not in a position (or intention) to change them, nor do you understand them (for that we must be brave). How come other peoples and countries dare to have what you want and to dare to operate them? But those who make the rules that today dominate the world and benefit from them, the capitalist lords; they need you, as in their time the Romans needed Judas and others, so that these rules are followed. But you, like Judas and those others are only able to be what you are and can include: some poor traitors and a traitor, if it looks good, it is not enough to be an enemy, as someone who does the work for the enemy, the real enemy.  
  
**And finally, to the mere big shot managers of traitors and earlier servants: foreign powers and their multinational companies in the sectors of energy, food, medicine and even cremes**, led by the gringos and their friends the recovered Germans that they are in a hurry that for completion of the jungle clearing and the certification of the ejidos (common land) of the Forest, so that they now have access with full legal certainty to the looting of biodiversity. To the producer of the movie Avatar 2 controls thank you for your invaluable contribution to the construction of the script and how they authorized us to give you a preview to the finale of the script: the people win, and you lose.

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(PHOTOS- Left to right)

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* Photos of the Meeting for the defense of biodiversity, 8-10-IV-2014. Montes Azules, ejido Pichu

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* Photos of the Meeting for the defense of biodiversity, 8-10-IV-2014. Montes Azules, ejido Pichu
* Beginning with a religious ceremony (Altar Maya) and then came the hoisting of the national flag indigenous and peasant

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* Skinny explain the issue and threats
* One delegate explains who is responsible

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* Guests report on the situation in the country
* The presidents of Mexico: the official and the actual on your right