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Within the framework of the 48th OAS General Assembly

COALITION FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

Washington D.C. - The proposal for the construction of the **INTER-AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER** was presented this Sunday, June 3, 2018 in the "Dialogue with Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and the Representatives of Civil Society, the Workers, the Private Sector and other Social Actors," in Washington DC, within the framework of the 48th regular session of the OAS General Assembly.

A coalition formed by a group of more than 30 environmental organizations, human rights, Indigenous Peoples and nations is part of the Coalition, **FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER**, a figure of social participation created by the OAS, with the objective of fostering an open and proactive dialogue among civil society, the Member States and the General Secretariat.

"**The Inter-American Environmental Charter**" is a project created by the Global Embassy of Activists for Peace (GEAP), a non-profit corporation based in more than 20 countries, and which has been working since 2015 on the construction of this project, with the massive participation of civil society, Indigenous Peoples and nations, and with the multidisciplinary advice and review of experts in scientific, technical, and legal matters in environmental issues, around the world.

Gabriela Lara, general director of the GEAP, was the spokesperson of this coalition, with which this initiative was officially presented: "*The Inter-American Environmental Charter is an instrument of environmental principles, values and actions, based on the resolutions issued by the UN, and other international and regional organizations, and in indigenous wisdom and knowledge, built on ethical, social and democratic bases, to guide decisions on environmental justice and justice in the Americas, and to complement the Inter-American system of the OAS.*"

This coalition will continue working to unite civil society and Indigenous Peoples of the Americas, and continue the process of dialogue with the States, in order to ensure that they follow the necessary processes so that the Inter-American Environmental Charter becomes a reality, and contribute with the development of nations, in harmony with planet earth, and ensure the future of human beings in a healthy environment.

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