

## **AFRICAN DESCENDANTS OF THE AMERICAS AGAINST RACISM AND POLICE BRUTALITY**

We, African descendant grassroots organizations from Latin America, join our voices to condemn the multiple cases of racism, excessive use of force and killings of African American youth, women and men by the United States police. Thanks to information and communication technology, in recent years there has been greater evidence of repeated and unjustified cases of homicide and police brutality perpetrated against a community that continues to suffer the ravages of 400 years of slavery and racial segregation, manifested in racial discrimination, exclusion and death, solely because of the color of their skin.

These types of actions are a reflection of what is also happening in Latin America, especially in Brazil, Colombia and several Central American countries, where racism has been systematized in government-state institutions, including the police and armed forces. However, these cases are not visible in the media and social networks and therefore have not been the object to condemnation by the population in general. The current situation due to the COVID-19 pandemic has made it worse; it shows that our societies have injected racist stereotypes and imaginaries into its blood, leading to great disadvantages, as well as social and economic disparities, which have greatly affected our communities.

Racial profiling and police brutality are two of the most serious, institutionalized, and change-resistant human rights violations. In the region, we see it marked by unjustified shootings, severe beatings and unnecessarily harsh and degrading physical treatments. Such acts of corruption in the public service have generated, as a logical consequence, great mistrust and a marked distance between the police and the public, particularly in black communities.

We fully understand that the unjustified deaths of African descendant citizens at the hands of those who have the legal mandate to protect our lives and fundamental rights, coupled with the lack of accountability and effective public transparency, the lack of objective investigations and sanctions against police officers, as well as the permanent obstacles in the access to justice for the victims, constitute just cause for the current protests in various cities of the United States.

We raise our voices to condemn all the governments of the Americas that have normalized racism, racial discrimination and exclusion, and where the justice systems do not guarantee the principle of equality when judging their citizens. With great pain, we identify ourselves with the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and so many other brothers and sisters in the United States, as well as those whose names have not come to light in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Nicaragua and other Latin American countries.

Within the framework of the International Decade for People of African Descent, we demand that the governments and authorities from countries of the American region guarantee the application of International Human Rights Law, particularly that related to access to justice for people, communities and peoples of African descent; including the removal of obstacles to the investigation, redress and prosecution of all those police and state agents who violate our fundamental rights based on stereotypes and racial hatred.

We call on the international community to hold the government of the United States, and other governments of the Americas, to account for these events and to commit to compliance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as well as the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Likewise, we call on the States to ratify the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Forms of Intolerance.-

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ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS	COUNTRY
Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora	Regional/Bolivia
Organización Negra Centroamericana -ONECA-	Regional
Colectivo de Afrodescendientes Misiinerxs	Argentina
SISA-Asuntos del Sur   Red de Politólogas	Argentina
Todos con Mandela	Argentina
Unsam Uniafro	Argentina
Comisión 8 de Noviembre Organizadora del "Día Nacional de las/os Afroargentinas/os y la Cultura Afro"	Argentina
Rede Nacional de Mulheres Negras no Combate a Violência	Brasil
ALTERITAS: diferenca, arte e educação/UFSC, BRASIL	Brasil
Coletivo de Entidades Negras	Brasil
Águia	Brasil
Associação Frida Kahlo -Afrika	Brasil
Conselho Comunitario Comunitario Distrital do Mandaqui	Brasil
Fábio Roberto Ferreira Barreto	Brasil
Movimento Negro Unificado	Brasil
Cláudia Felisberto da Silva	Brasil
Clã do Jabuti	Brasil
Partido dos trabalhadores	Brasil
Movae	Brasil
Chega e intolerância preconceito e discriminação basta	Brasil
Geledes Instituto da Mulher Negra	Brasil
IBRASAC Instituto Brasileiro de Alianças Sócio Ambiental Cultural	Brasil
Ong Afrochilena Lumbanga	Chile
Organización de Mujeres Afrodescendientes Rurales Hijas de Azapa	Chile
Colectiva de Mujeres Afrodescendientes LUANDA	Chile
Proceso de Comunidades Negras -PCN-	Colombia
JMD la Voz de la Juventud	Colombia
AMUAFROC	Colombia
Fundación MAZO	Colombia
Cadhubev	Colombia
Fundación Ambiental y Cultural Las Mojarras (Condoto, Chocó)	Colombia
Pueblo Nasa	Colombia
Escuela de Robótica del Chocó	Colombia
AFROVIDAS	Colombia
ASOFRONELMAN	Colombia
JMD la voz de la juventud	Colombia
Movimiento por la defensa de la vida y el territorio	Colombia
I. E San Víctor	Colombia
Universal Negro Improvement Association -UNIA-	Costa Rica
EMPROA	Costa Rica
Costa Rica Afro	Costa Rica
Fundación Afro Arte y Cultura para el Desarrollo	Costa Rica
Foro Nacional de Mujeres Afrodescendientes	Costa Rica
COAFI	Costa Rica
Universal Negro Improvement Association Branch 300	Costa Rica
Comisión de Abogados Afrodescendientes de Costa Rica	Costa Rica
Puntarenas Joven	Costa Rica
Asociación para el Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Costarricense (Centro de Mujeres Afro)	Costa Rica
AMACCR	Costa Rica
Black at Microsoft (BAM)	Costa Rica

ENDORISING ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS	COUNTRY
Asociación de Mujeres Afrodescendientes del Caribe Costa Rica	Costa Rica
Red Un Chance Costa Rica	Costa Rica
CIPS Cuba	Cuba
Fundación de Desarrollo Social y Cultural Afroecuatoriana AZÚCAR	Ecuador
AFROES	El Salvador
Red de Estudios Afrocentroamericanos	El Salvador
Didine Teresa Ángel Rodríguez	El Salvador
Escena X Teatro	El Salvador
Afrodescendientes Organizados Salvadoreños (AFROOS)	El Salvador
Afro-Colombian Global Initiative	Estados Unidos
Hondureños contra el SIDA / Casa Yuremein	Estados Unidos /Honduras
Afroamerica XXI	Guatemala
Red Centroamericana y del Caribe del Patrimonio Fílmico y Audiovisual	Guatemala
Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala	Guatemala
Waricha Guatemala	Guatemala
Centro de Estudios Afromexicanos Tembembe	México
Unidad para el Progreso de Oaxaca AC (UNPROAX)	México
Mujeres Afromexicanas en Movimiento	México
Gentopia	México
Fundación Afromexicana Perra Morga	México
Mano Amiga de la Costa Chica	México
MUAFRO	México
Alianza por la Igualdad en América Latina y Caribe	México
Mujeres Políticas	México
Futuro	México
Asociación de Desarrollo y Promoción Humana de La Costa Atlántica	Nicaragua
Voces Caribeñas	Nicaragua
MOMUNDH	Nicaragua
Si Mujer	Nicaragua
Red de mujeres contra la violencia	Nicaragua
Red de Mujeres Afrodescendientes de Panamá	Panamá
Fundación Contra-Peso	Panamá
FUNDACIÓN DE LA ETNIA NEGRA	Panamá
Base Educativa y Comunitaria de Apoyo	Paraguay
FIA	Paraguay
Afropar	Paraguay
Red Enredate	Paraguay
Centro de Desarrollo de la Mujer Negra Peruana (CEDEMUNEP)	Perú
ASONEDH PERU	Perú
Centro de Desarrollo Étnico	Perú
Makungu para el Desarrollo	Perú
Diálogo Político de Mujeres Afrouuguayas	Uruguay
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