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Indigenous and civil society organizations file constitutional claim against Law 30230

Alliance is confronting pro investor "legislative combos". Photo: Servindi.

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Servindi, 14 April, 2015. In an unprecedented move, supported by more than 10,000 signatures, indigenous and human rights organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Law 30230, also known as "anti-environmental pack" ("paquetazo antiambiental").

The claim to the Constitutional Court (TC) is promoted by the Unity Pact of Indigenous Organizations, the Amazon organization AIDSESEP, organizations of the National Coordinator for Human Rights (CNDDHH) and various allies as the Muqui Network, among others.

This alliance is confronting what it considers a pro investor strategy to break through with legislative packages or "legislative combos", violating the rights of indigenous peoples and the environment.

The claimants held a press conference at the headquarters of the CNDDHH on 10 April.

Juan Carlos Ruiz Molleda, a lawyer at the Legal Defense Institute (IDL), said that "the demand requests the TC to judge whether the 30230 Act respects the Constitution and international treaties".

Ruiz Molleda claimed that the government is weakening the rights of indigenous peoples and the mechanisms of protection of the right to live in a balanced environment.

Meanwhile, Antolin Huascar, Coordinator of the Unity Pact of Indigenous Organizations of Peru, recalled that this law was never consulted with indigenous peoples despite being the most affected.

While the speakers said they expect a prompt response of the Constitutional Court, their expectations are not the best.

In that sense, Huascar explained that there is a feeling of mistrust to the TC because a pending decision about the "Law of Criminalization of Protest".



Rocío Silva Santisteban, Executive Secretary of the National Coordinator for Human Rights. Photo: Servindi.

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