

## **PRONUNCIATION ON MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN AIDSESEP**

Having made public the information that Rainforest Norway - RFN has published on October 18 on the resolution of the cooperation agreement between AIDSESEP and RFN, linked to the cooperation contracts for the execution of the projects Climate and Amazon, and a bad intention of RFN becoming evident, to generate instability in the Peruvian indigenous movement, intending to meddle at the organizational level and resolve institutionally, through the unilateral resolution of contracts for the financing of projects, based on the audit report made by Rejas Alva, and Associates. On this we have to express the following:

Do not be surprised by the information that RFN has viralized, by the alleged findings of an audit, making use of information that does not match the reality and consistency of the facts about the alleged embezzlement, an error that leads to spot Indigenous leaders claiming to be involved in acts of corruption and embezzlement of AIDSESEP, which conditions the unilaterally of the decision of RFN to resolve the RFN - AIDSESEP cooperation agreement, as well as the aforementioned audit has serious observations that RFN intends to ignore.

The documentation and evidence of what proves the financial mismanagement was processed by AIDSESEP, as well as the identification of the authors and accomplices of these reprehensible actions, all of this was made known to RFN in due course, in application of the RFN anti-corruption policies, before of any audit and all the information was provided to the auditor, making it clear that without the need for an investigative audit AIDSESEP identified these weaknesses and took the corrective measures and legal actions that merit, however today we are unionized to be part of all these administrative misconduct when we have evaluated and requested that the investigative audit takes into account the involvement of RFN officials as witnesses and participants in the acts of corruption and financial mismanagement of AIDSESEP.

As a result of the observations, AIDSESEP removed the trust from the administrator and the accountant and internally delegated new professionals to develop and accompany the administration and accounting functions since January 2019, added to the fact that the same author of the mismanagement assumed and signed a voluntarily written document assuming its authorship and responsibility, the same that promised to return the money that was stolen from AIDSESEP without the knowledge of the Board of Directors. All of this was duly documented and made known to RFN. Likewise, AIDSESEP sanctioned the accountant and administrator in application of labor laws and initiated legal actions so that the corresponding authorities sanction the authors, co-authors and accomplices of financial mismanagement, regardless of administrative actions, in accordance with administrative documents and corresponding criminal complaint.

Thus, we do not agree that we are openly syndicated that our indigenous leaders in Peru are involved in acts of embezzlement and corruption, being the current Board of Directors of AIDSESEP period 2018-2020, who have alerted and identified the authors and have activated and executed administrative and criminal procedures as an effective measure to end situations

of financial mismanagement, all along the lines of actions for the implementation and administration of projects.

Beyond that described in the previous paragraphs, we are warning that RFN would be transgressing the clause on Intellectual Property and Confidentiality, that section 11.4 of the agreements establishes the following: “*RFN will not disclose any confidential information about the organization, activities or finances of AIDSESEP. RFN will not carry out directly or via third parties, any action that may be harmful to AIDSESEP* ”. Observations and transgressions to the agreements and other normative documents that we have supported and sent to RFN.

We publicly denounce the serious interference and actions of RFN that violates the principle of self-determination of peoples and the principle of non-intervention that protects indigenous peoples and their cultures, allowing societies to maintain the religious, ethnic and civilizational differences that they value so much. Whenever the continuous exercise of self-determination and ultimately in compliance with the decisions and agreements adopted by AIDSESEP, requires that no State, group of States and / or international organizations, execute or threaten the execution of acts, by themselves or through third parties, whatever the reason and the means employed, to force the sovereign and autonomous will.

AIDSESEP is in need of activating diplomatic channels and international law to enforce their rights, because there are convergences and bad faith of RFN.

**AIDSESEP Board of Directors**  
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