

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Whereas

- the government of Canada is in discussions for a possible free trade agreement with the Mercosur countries, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay;
- such a free trade agreement would likely intensify the economic exploitation of natural resources in the Mercosur region, especially the ecologically sensitive Amazon basin in Brazil, which plays a critical role in regulating global climate systems;
- the Indigenous and traditional communities living in the Brazilian Amazon basin are subject to intimidation, violence and criminalization for protecting their territories from the environmental damage caused by the illegal or unfair expansion of cattle ranching, industrial agriculture and resource extraction.

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to ensure that any trade agreements with Brazil, whether as part of the Mercosur bloc or otherwise, are contingent upon that country respecting and protecting human rights, Indigenous peoples' rights and the Amazonian ecosystem.

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