



ASSOCIATION OF TRADITIONAL AUTHORITIES AND COUNCILS U'WA

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Given the inability of the National Natural Park of Colombia to manage and exercise control in the El Cocuy National Natural Park, and its role as a tour operator, ignoring its functions in guaranteeing the protection and conservation of protected areas. As an U'wa nation and defenders of our mother earth, we expose to national and international public opinion that:

1. ZIZUMA (PNNC), is for the U'wa nation our sacred territory, where our divine beings coexist, and the ancestral and cultural knowledge of our traditional authorities (Werjayas) materializes.
2. The mismanagement of PNNC, evidenced in the physical, cultural and cosmological effects of the people of the U'wa nation. Affecting the natural and spiritual balance of our mother earth.
3. The people of the U'wa nation have made the decision to mobilize in defense of our ZIZUMA ancestral territory, as from this date tourism will not be allowed in our sacred site.
4. We invite the national and international community, organizations that defend environmental rights to show solidarity with our struggle in the kera chikara territorial defense.
5. We ratify our position of defense and protection of mother earth, respect for our sacred sites, life and survival as an ancient and ancient people. The closure of tourism in the El Cocuy National Park area is only a step towards the guarantee of life, culture and Mother Earth.

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