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**On International Human Rights Day, Protesters Stage  
Die-in at Peruvian Consulate, Demanding  
Environmental Protection and An End to the Murder of  
Peruvian Environmentalists**

**\* Demonstration Coincides with UN Climate Summit  
and March in Defense of Mother Earth in Lima, Peru**

**\* Advocates Also Denounce Peru's Participation in TPP Talks in Washington DC This Week**

**WHO:** Peruvian community members and environmental and human rights advocates from organizations including Global Justice for Animals and the Environment and TradeJustice New York Metro.

**WHAT:** Protesters will protest, speak out, mourn Peruvian assassination victims and stage a “die-in” in front of the Consulate. Afterward, protesters will march to Dag Hammerskjold Plaza to join a rally calling for a strong global climate treaty.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 3-4PM at the Peruvian Consulate, marching to Dag Hammerskjold Plaza just before 4PM for a rally at the Plaza at 4.

**WHERE:** Consulate General of Peru, 241 East 49th Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues, Manhattan, followed by a 4-6PM rally at Dag Hammerskjold Plaza, 47th St between 1st and 2nd Avenues.

**WHY:** As the world looks to Lima for solutions to the global climate crisis, activists are calling on Peruvian President Ollanta Humala to stand with Peruvian communities fighting to defend the Earth and their way of life against the oil, gas, mining, cattle grazing, logging, and plantation agribusiness industries. In pursuit of profit, corporations including Pluspetrol, Renco/Doe Run, Freeport McMoran, Barrick Gold, Hunt Oil, Newmont Mining, and Monterrico Metals are destroying rainforests and other critical ecosystems; poisoning land and water; exacerbating climate change; and using violence and murder against indigenous communities and other Peruvians who take action in defense of the environment. Activists charge that President Humala has broken faith with communities who believed his promises – that he would diverge from the policies of his predecessor, Alan Garcia, who facilitated the corporate plunder and ecological destruction of Peru through free trade/investor rights agreements and legislative decrees and encouraged the violent repression of indigenous communities and other environmental defenders. Peru now ranks as the fourth most dangerous country in the world to be an environmentalist, with a dramatic increase in the killing of environmental and land defenders in the last four years. Protesters see duplicity in the fact that at the same time Lima is hosting the global climate summit, Peruvian negotiators are participating in Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations in Washington, DC that will encourage further exploitation of Peru's lands and people by the industries most responsible for driving climate change. TPP will grant foreign corporation new rights to attack Peru's environmental laws in international tribunals outside the jurisdiction of the nation's court system, allowing to escape accountability for pollution and to strongarm Peru into allowing environmentally devastating projects and other activities.

According to Mariano Munoz, a Brooklynite of Peruvian descent, “We stand in solidarity with the Peruvian indigenous communities who call for President Humala to respect their territorial rights, to honor them as responsible stewards of the Earth, to take action to end the violence against environmental defenders, to compensate the families of environmental martyrs, to end the prosecution of communities fighting to defend their lands, including the 53 currently facing charges in relation to the 2009 Bagua Massacre, and to cease negotiating new ecologically and socially devastating free trade agreements like TPP and the Trade in Services Agreement while working to break or reform the US-Peru Free Trade Agreement and other trade deals currently in effect that have already done so much harm.”