

PRESS RELEASE

QUECHUA PEOPLE OF PERU DENOUNCE PARTIALIZATION OF PERUVIAN NCP IN ADMINISTERING THEIR OECD COMPLAINT

The Quechua people of Peru condemn the rejection, by the Peruvian NCP, of the OECD complaint against Marriott International, Inc. for the construction of a hotel in an archeological site in Cusco that is considered sacred land by the Quechua religion.

The Quechua people of Peru, which have lived in the Peruvian Andes for 17,000 years, is currently composed of nearly 8 million individuals. The complainants presented evidence that Marriott and their Peruvian business partners conducted unauthorized excavations, extracted pre-Hispanic mummies and destroyed an Inca archeological site in order to build the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel - Cusco.

In a disingenuous and racially discriminatory decision, the NCP concluded that the complaint should be rejected because for the NCP: a) there is no Quechua religious belief, b) a power of attorney signed by the 8 million Quechua people was needed to file the complaint and c) the hotel building was erected but it never started operations.

The Quechua people condemn the decision of the Peruvian NCP and found evidence that the Peruvian NCP had serious conflicts of interest to deal with this procedure. The Quechua people will share with the OECD Investment Committee documentary evidence of the following:

- a) The NCP is party to an investment contract with the hotel developer, to promote the construction of this hotel.
- b) The NCP official who decided on this complaint was an employee of the financial institution which financed the hotel construction, at the time in which the financing was approved.
- c) The father of this NCP official is partner in a real estate and hotel consulting company, and at the time of the proceedings spoke to the press in favor of this hotel.

The Quechua people will not allow the continuous destruction of its cultural property and the racially charged policies of those government officials who demean indigenous peoples.