



The new Zapatista system is explained!

I am going to try to explain to you how we reorganized the autonomy, that is, the new structure of the Zapatista autonomy. I will explain more later in more detail. Or maybe I won't explain more, because practice is what matters. Of course you can also come to the anniversary and watch the plays, songs, poems and the art and culture of this new stage of our struggle. If not, Tercios Compas will send you photos and videos there. At another time I will tell you what we saw good and bad in the critical evaluation of MAREZ and JBG. Now I'll just tell you how it looks. Goes:

First. – The main base, which is not only where autonomy is sustained, also without which the other structures cannot function, is the *Local Autonomous Government* , **GAL** .

There is a GAL in each community where Zapatista support bases live. The Zapatista *GAL* are the core of all autonomy. They are coordinated by autonomous agents and commissioners and are subject to the assembly of the town, ranchería, community, area, neighborhood, ejido, colony, or however each population calls itself. Each *GAL* controls its autonomous organizational resources (such as schools and clinics) and the relationship with neighboring non-Zapatista sister towns. And control the proper use of the pay. It also detects and reports mismanagement, corruption and errors that may exist. And he is attentive to those who want to pass themselves off as Zapatista authorities to ask for support or aid that they use for their own benefit.

So, if before there were a few dozen MAREZ, that is, Zapatista Rebel Autonomous Municipalities, now there are thousands of Zapatista *GALs* .

Second. – According to their needs, problems and progress, various *GALs* are convened into *Zapatista*

Autonomous Government Collectives , *CGAZ* , and here they are discussed and agreements are made on matters that interest the convening *GALs* . When they so determine, the Collective of Autonomous Governments calls an assembly of the authorities of each community. Here the plans and needs of Health, Education, Agroecology, Justice, Commerce, and those that are needed are proposed, discussed and approved or rejected. At the *CGAZ* level there are the coordinators of each area. They are not authorities. Their job is to ensure

that the work requested by the GAL or that is deemed necessary for community life is carried out. Such as, for example: preventive medicine and vaccination campaigns, campaigns for endemic diseases, courses and specialized training (such as laboratory technicians, , traditional festivities, etc. Each region or CGAZ has its directors, who are the ones who call assemblies if there is an urgent problem or one that affects several communities. That is to say, where before there were 12 Good Government Boards, now there will be hundreds.

Third. – Then follow the *Assemblies of Collectives of ZAPATISTA Autonomous Governments* , ACGAZ .

Which are what were previously known as zones. But they have no authority, but depend on the CGAZ. And the CGAZ depend on the GAL. The ACGAZ convenes and presides over zone assemblies, when necessary according to the requests of GAL and CGAZ. They are based in the caracoles, but move between regions. In other words, they are mobile, according to the people's demands for attention.

Fourth. – As can be seen in practice, the Command and Coordination of Autonomy has been transferred from the JBG and MAREZ to the towns and communities, to the GAL. The zones (ACGAZ) and the regions (CGAZ) are governed by the people, they must be accountable to the people and find a way to meet their needs in Health, Education, Justice, Food and those that arise due to emergencies caused by disasters. natural disasters, pandemics, crimes, invasions, wars, and the other misfortunes that the capitalist system brings.

Fifth. – The structure and disposition of the EZLN has been reorganized in order to increase the defense and security of the towns and mother earth in the event of aggressions, attacks, epidemics, invasion of companies that prey on nature, partial or total military occupations, catastrophes natural disasters and nuclear wars. We have prepared so that our people survive, even isolated from each other.

Sixth. – We understand that you have problems assimilating this. And that, for a while, they will struggle to understand it. It took us 10 years to think about it, and of those 10 years, 3 to prepare it for its practice.

We also understand that it seems to you that your thinking is scrambled. That is why it is necessary to change your channel of understanding. Only by looking far away, backwards and forwards, can the present step be understood.

We hope you understand that it is a new structure of autonomy, that we are just learning and that it will take a while to get well.

In reality, this statement has only the intention of telling you that Zapatista autonomy continues and advances, that we think it will be better for the towns, communities, places, neighborhoods, colonies, ejidos and rancherías where they live, that is, the bases of Zapatista support. And that it has been their decision, taking into account their ideas and proposals, their criticisms and self-criticisms. Also, as will be seen, this new stage of autonomy is made to confront the worst of the Hydra, its most infamous bestiality and its destructive madness. Their wars and business and military invasions.

For us, there are no borders or distant geographies. Everything that happens in any corner of the planet affects us and concerns us, worries us and hurts us. To the extent of our very small strength, we will support human beings in distress regardless of their color, race, nationality, belief, ideology and language. Although we do not know many languages or understand many cultures and ways, we know how to understand the suffering, pain, sorrow, and dignified rage that the system provokes.

We know how to read and listen to brother hearts. We will continue trying to learn from them, their stories and their struggles. Not only because we have suffered from this for centuries and we know what it is like. Also and above all because, as for 30 years, our fight is for life. Surely we have made many mistakes in all these years. We will surely do more in the next 120 years. But we will NOT give up, we will NOT change path, we will NOT sell out. We will always be reviewing our struggle, its times and ways with a critical eye.

Our eyes, our ears, our heads and our hearts will always be ready to learn from others who, although different in many things, have our same concerns and similar desires for democracy, freedom and justice. And we will always seek the best for our people and for our sister communities. We are, therefore, Zapatistas.

As long as there is at least one, one, *one* Zapatista in any corner of the planet, we will resist in rebellion, that is, we will fight. See it there friends and enemies. And those who are neither one thing nor another.

Just for now.

From the mountains of the Mexican southeast.

Insurgent Subcommander Moisés.

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More than 500, 40, 30, 20, 10 years later.

PS- Here I leave you a drawing to see if you understand it a little.

