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Narendra Modi
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Non-governmental organization rights should be protected

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we are urging you to stop intimidating and harassing organizations working on human rights and environmental issues.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of harassment from the government of India. We are concerned that the interference will affect the ability of these organizations to communicate their initiatives to the general public.

We strongly believe that you have a responsibility to investigate these reports and take action to ensure that non-governmental organizations, like **Amnesty India** and **Greenpeace India** are able to continue their operations unhindered by politically motivated restrictions on their bank accounts, to repeal the Foreign Contribution Act, or amend it in line with international human rights standards, and to accord fair trials to human rights defenders and activists who have been arrested using oppressive laws.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: His Excellency Vikas Swarup, High Commissioner for the Republic of India