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Señor Juan Manuel Santos
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Guatemalan human rights defender's murders should be investigated

Dear President Santos,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to conduct a prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation into the attack on **Gonzalo Hilamo Mesa** and the killings **Pablo Emilia Dagua** and **Adriana Montero**, to provide effective protection measures for this community; and to guarantee the right to life, health, food, and shelter of Nasa Embera Chami reservation in La Delfina, Buenaventura.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of an attack on **Gonzalo Hilamo Mesa** on June 8 and the subsequent forced displacement of this community from their homes.

We strongly believe that you have a responsibility to investigate these reports and take action to protect this Indigenous community in La Delfina Buenaventura and their fundamental rights through proper investigation of this incident and by ensuring the safe return of this community to their homes.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: General Prosecutor Nestor Humberto Martinez, Ambassador Nicolás Lloreda Ricaurte, Yolanda Pinto de Gaviria



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