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Interior Minister Ariel Martínez Fernández  
Asunción, Paraguay

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### **Indigenous leader Amada Martínez should be protected**

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union we are writing to urge you to investigate the attack against **Amada Martínez** and to ensure that those who work to protect rights of Indigenous Peoples in south-east Paraguay can carry out their activities in a safe environment.

We are deeply troubled by reports from Amnesty International of an organized campaign to by armed men to intimidate human rights activists including **Amada Martínez** in regards to their advocacy work surrounding the Itaipú Binational hydroelectric plant.

We strongly believe that you and the Paraguayan government have a responsibility to investigate these reports and to hold those responsible, accountable for their actions. While the investigation is ongoing, we urge you to implement protection measure to safeguard **Amada Martínez** and the members of the Tekoha Sauce community.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Her Excellency C. Ines Martínez Valinotti, President of the Paraguayan Institute for Indigenous Affairs Aldo Zaldívar, Paraguayan Attorney General Sandra Quiñónez