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For the attention of

*AMBASSADOR NAME*

*EMBASSY ADDRESS*

Dear Ambassador,

Friends of the Earth International as an organisation that works for the construction of environmental, social, economic and gender justice, and the organisations and movements that work for the defence of territories and the rights of peoples and their human rights, are closely following the events taking place in Brazil, especially in the Brazilian Amazon, which in recent years have increased the threats and violations of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Latin America and the Caribbean is a region of high risk for those who work in defence of the rights of peoples and their human rights, and in the protection of territories. One of the most recent and regrettable events is the disappearance and murder on June 5 of the Brazilian indigenist activist Bruno Araújo Pereira and the British journalist Dom Philipis, a contributor to The Guardian newspaper, who disappeared in the indigenous territory of Vale do Javari, in the state of Amazonas, while on their way from the community of Ribeirinha São Rafael to the city of Atalaia do Norte. Both were working with the Union of Indigenous Organisations of Vale do Javari (UNIVAJA).

We are aware that there is permanent tension in the area, including threats to the indigenous organisation UNIVAJA and the assassination of the indigenist Maxciel Pereira dos Santos in 2019. This is why an international solidarity alert has been launched so that, now that the bodies of Pereira and Phillips have been found, the relevant investigations can be carried out to find the perpetrators and masterminds of these murders.

The search for justice for Bruno and Dom must be carried out urgently and uninterruptedly until the material and intellectual authors of this crime are found and must be coordinated, planned and executed by the Brazilian State, and the protection of indigenous peoples and other environmental defenders must also be guaranteed.

We request your valuable services so that the responsible institutions and authorities in Brazil, as a matter of urgency:

1. To Continue investigating to find the material and intellectual authors of the murder of Bruno Pereira and Dom Phillips;
2. Conduct investigations in a transparent manner through relevant institutions, with monitoring by international human rights authorities. This must include the punishment of those responsible for trespassing on the indigenous territory Vale do Javari and the disappearance of the defenders.
3. Guarantee Indigenous Peoples' rights to territory and self-determination in Brazil and the protection of defenders working in the Amazon.

We will continue to follow the evolution of this case, hoping that there will be justice for the human rights defenders and the people responsible for their disappearance and murder will be brought to justice, and that the Brazilian government can take preventive measures to protect all human rights defenders in the free exercise of their activities.

Yours sincerely,

*Signature*

*Name of your organisation*

*Date*