SAMPLE LETTER

To the attention of XX Embassy of Brasil in X country

Name of the organisation: location, how it operates, members, networks, what kind of accompaniment they have been doing in Brazil.

As organisations linked to the defense of human rights, especially the rights of indigenous peoples, we are alarmed with the situation of violation and barbarism that is taking place in Brazil.

Only one month after the murder of the defenders Bruno Pereira and Dom Philip, we have news of the murder of two indigenous people in Mato Grosso do Sul, and of the brutality with which, on June 24, an illegal eviction was carried out against an area retaken by the Guarani and Kaiowá.

For years, the territorial crisis of the Guarani and Kaiowá people has been in the news around the world, and no progress has been made to guarantee their rights. On the contrary, we observe the implementation of a series of government policies, starting with the dismantling of the indigenous protection bodies, the National Indian Foundation (FUNAI), to the complete lack of protection of the territories threatened by agribusiness and mining.

In view of what happened on June 24 and 25 with the Tekoha Guapoy Mirin Tujury, as well as other retaken areas in the State that are being threatened, we express our international solidarity with the indigenous peoples of Brazil, especially the Guarani and Kaiowá, and we request the relevant authorities to:

a) conduct a detailed investigation into the operation of the Military Police that became known by the indigenous people as the Guapoy Massacre;
b) determine the protection of the families of the victims, ensuring special health care, as determined by Brazilian legislation;
c) promote roundtables for dialogue and conflict mediation in the region, in light of the protection of the territorial rights of the indigenous peoples of Brazil;
d) that no evictions of indigenous peoples be carried out until their territories are duly demarcated in the State;

The international community is attentive to what is happening in Brazil, and hopes that the competent authorities can exercise their duty to protect the rights of indigenous peoples in the country.

Sincerely,

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