

Brazilian President
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Brasília (DF)
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BRAZIL

Dear President,

Today, I demand that you ensure a prompt, thorough, impartial and independent investigation into the killing of human rights defender Marielle Franco.

This must identify both the shooters and the people who ordered her killing, as well as the motivation for the crime. All those responsible must be brought to justice through a fair trial that meets international standards.

I also urge you to take all necessary measures to prevent further threats and attacks against human rights defenders like Marielle Franco, including by restoring the programme of protection for human rights defenders in Brazil.

Yours sincerely,

Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh
Police Headquarters
Naya Raipur
Chhattisgarh – 492001
INDIA

Dear Director General of Police,

Pavitri Manjhi, the Adivasi leader of the Bhengari village council in Chhattisgarh, faces continued threats, intimidation and harassment for her peaceful activism. She is a human rights defender, protesting the actions of two private companies who allegedly defrauded Indigenous Adivasis of their land in Raigarh district.

I urge you to consult with Pavitri Manjhi and other Adivasi villagers in order to give them adequate security and protect them from further harassment.

I also urge you to investigate complaints of the harassment of Adivasi villagers and of the unlawful dispossession of land and bring those responsible to justice.

Yours sincerely,

Head of the Judiciary
Ayatollah Sadegh Larijani
c/o Permanent Mission of Iran
to the United Nations in Geneva
Chemin du Petit-Saconnex 28
1209 Geneva
SWITZERLAND

Your Excellency,

I urge you to release human rights defender Atena Daemi immediately and unconditionally, and to quash her sentence and conviction.

She is a prisoner of conscience who has been imprisoned for seven years solely for peacefully exercising her right to freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Atena Daemi has been in poor health while imprisoned. Therefore, I call on you to ensure that she is granted access to the specialized medical care she requires outside prison.

Yours sincerely,

Uhuru Kenyatta
President of Kenya
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KENYA

Your Excellency,

I urge you to remove all restrictions so the Sengwer people can live freely and peacefully on their ancestral land in Embobut Forest. In particular, I urge you to stop the house burnings, arrests and forced evictions.

I also urge you to engage with them and obtain their consent for a new approach to conversation, which recognises their role as owners and custodians of the forest and your partners in protecting the environment.

Yours sincerely,

Speaker of Parliament
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KYRGYZSTAN

Dear Speaker,

I urge you to listen to the concerns of Gulzar Duishenova and other defenders of the rights of people with disabilities and to help ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as soon as possible.

People with disabilities face extreme levels of discrimination that affect women in particular, and the implementation of legislation addressing this discrimination should be a priority, including improving access to health, buildings, jobs and public transport.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Government
Department of the Head of Government
Palais Royal Touarga
Rabat
MOROCCO

Excellency,

Nawal Benaissa is a human rights defender who has done nothing more than exercise her rights to freedom of expression and assembly.

Yet since June 2017 she has faced harassment by security forces, surveillance and repeated arbitrary arrest. A court in Al Hoceima served her with a 10-month suspended sentence.

I urge you to do all in your power to end the harassment of Nawal Benaissa and her family, so she can be free to campaign for social justice for her community.

Yours sincerely,

Cyril Ramaphosa
President of the Republic of South Africa
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0001 Pretoria
SOUTH AFRICA

Your Excellency,

I urge you and your government to protect Nonhle Mbuthuma, the Amadiba community leader in the Eastern Cape. She is a peaceful human rights defender standing up for her community to protect the land they rely on.

Please also conduct a full and proper investigation into the harassment and intimidation targeted at her and other activists as they stand up to the actions of the mining company Transworld Energy and Mineral Resources (TEM).

Yours sincerely,

Minister of Interior
Vul. Akademika Bohomoltsa, 10
01601 Kyiv
UKRAINE

Dear Minister,

I urge you to publicly recognise and support the vital work of Vitalina Koval and others like her who peacefully defend the rights of women and LGBTI people in Ukraine. Please ensure they can exercise their right to freedom of expression and assembly without fear of attacks.

I also urge you to ensure prompt, effective and impartial investigations are carried out into all attacks on activists by far-right groups. Those responsible for the attacks must be brought to justice.

Yours sincerely,

Fiscal General de la República
Botschaft der Bolivarischen Republik Venezuela
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Mr. Attorney General,

I urge you to formally close the case against Geraldine Chacón and grant her unconditional freedom. She is a peaceful human rights defender who has not advocated violence at any stage.

Though conditionally released in June 2018, she cannot leave the country and could be arrested again at any time for no reason. A passionate and active young member of society should be celebrated, not silenced.

Yours sincerely,