Ambassador Sandra Erica Jovel Polanco

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Dear Ambassador,

I am writing to express my alarm and concern for the safety of lawyer of the Xinca People, Quelvin Jimenez, who was alerted of a plan to kill him in late April and that his house was under surveillance. On 6 May the same armed man seen near his house chased Quelvin on a motorcycle attempting to make his vehicle slow down. Quelvin has received death threats on the phone on several occasions. The investigations on previous attacks remain pending and the police have yet to enforce security measures ordered by the public prosecutor’s office to protect him.

I urge you to conduct a prompt, independent, effective and impartial investigation into all the threats and attacks against Quelvin Jimenez, and to bring all those responsible to justice. I also ask that you guarantee the protection of Quelvin Jimenez by the police, according to his wishes and needs.

Yours sincerely,