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We, the representatives of IWGIA, the Norwegian Branch, want to express our deep concern over the growing violence which indigenous peoples in the Amazon basin are subjected to. Scores of well documented cases of ill-treatment and killings with impunity also show that the Brazilian authorities have persistently failed to take effective action of investigation or to bring those responsible for organizing the killings to justice.

As representatives of IWGIA we feel a special responsibility to keep informed about the human rights situation among the indigenous peoples, people who frequently are unable to defend their lives and their rights effectively.

With reference to the incessant violence against Indian tribes in the Amazonas we sincerely ask you to let us know what kind of extra measures are planned and will be taken in order to amend this situation. Peoples all over the world are shocked by the increase in violence during recent years against Indians in your country.

Sincerely

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