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Your Excellency,

Kalpana Chakma was the organizing secretary of the Hill Women's Federation, an organization that campaigns for the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh. At 23 years old, she was abducted from her home in Lallyagona village, Baghaichari, Rangamati district, in the early hours of 12 June 1996. Kalpana Chakma has never been found. Her brothers had identified the kidnapers of their sister: one army officer and two members of a paramilitary group. However, they were not permitted by the Officer in Charge of Bagaichhari Police Station to write the names of the three accused kidnapers' in their case file. The case was filed on 12 June 1996 without mentioning the names of the accused, and they were omitted from the investigation. In 2016, the police applied for the closure of the case. However, the court in Rangamati has been repeatedly adjourned the respective decision.

Please ensure that a thorough and independent re-investigation of Kalpana Chakma's case is conducted, which includes the interrogation of the three main suspects, and that any perpetrators are brought to justice. Please also ensure that all cases of threats, violence, intimidation, arbitrary arrests and forced disappearances of human rights defenders are fully investigated.

Yours sincerely

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