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Dear Director General,

**Pavetri Manjhi**, chairwoman of the Bhengari municipal council in Chhattisgarh, is threatened, harassed and intimidated for her peaceful advocacy of the land rights of indigenous Adivasis. Right now, businesses in Chhattisgarh, central India, are trying to take over land that belongs to an Adivasi Indigenous community so that they can make way for two power plants. Members of the community report that they were tricked into selling their land, and those that refused to sell faced threats and intimidation by agents acting on behalf of two private companies. I would like to remind you that it is the police' responsibility to protect Pavetri Manjhi from intimidation and to safeguard her human rights. However, the police have not yet taken sufficient measures.

I therefore call on you, in consultation with Pavetri Manjhi and others concerned, to take measures to ensure their safety and to protect them from further harassment. Please also investigate allegations that Adivasi were coerced and unlawfully expropriated and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

Respectfully

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