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Dear Attorney General of Chihuahua State,

On 24 October 2018, Julián Carrillo, an environmental human rights defender and leader of the Rarámuri Indigenous people, was killed by unidentified armed men. Julián Carrillo was one of the leaders of the Coloradas de la Virgen community in the Tarahumara mountain range of Chihuahua. The murder of Julián was a predictable tragedy. He had reported attacks and death threats for years. His house was burned down in 2016, and he had received threats from unidentified armed groups on four different occasions since 2015. Five other people in his family, including his son, were also killed. Many other Indigenous leaders of Coloradas de la Virgen have faced threats, attacks, unfair trials and killings. In 2014, the Mexican government pledged to provide effective protection to Julián, but these protection measures were not enough to stop the wave of attacks against him and to guarantee his life. Julián joins the list of at least 16 human rights defenders who have been killed in 2018 in Mexico.

I respectfully urge you to promptly, independently, impartially and effectively investigate the killing of Julián Carrillo. Please take all necessary measures to guarantee the safety of Julián Carrillo's family members, the Coloradas de la Virgen community, and members of the NGO *Alianza Sierra Madre A.C* in accordance with their wishes and consent. In addition, I urge you to implement effective and collective protection measures and take immediate steps to overcome the structural causes behind the threats, killings and attacks faced by human rights defenders in the Coloradas de la Virgen community.

Yours sincerely,

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