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Dear President,

In August 2020, the Confederation of Indigenous Nationalities of the Ecuadorian Amazon (CONFENIAE) reported 3,303 infections and 80 deaths related to COVID-19 among the Indigenous population in the Ecuadorian Amazon. In these communities, there is a lack of access to drinking water, food sources, medical supplies, health services and COVID-19 tests, which is caused by prolonged conditions of inequality, exclusion and discrimination. The governmental response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Amazon is completely inadequate and inefficient.

I ask you to ensure that the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon participate in the national and provincial decision-making structure in charge of the COVID-19 response in the Amazon and guarantee that this response respects their rights and needs. Furthermore, the government must provide sufficient funding for protective measures and health care.

Yours sincerely,

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