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Néstor Luis Reverol

Ministerio del Poder Popular

para Relaciones Interiores y Justicia

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Dear Minister,

I find the situation in the Canaima National Park extremely disquieting; consequently I am writing to you in the hope and belief that you will take the necessary steps to improve the situation.

First of all I call upon you to investigate comprehensively, thoroughly and impartially the circumstances of the death of Charly Peñaloza and also the circumstances in which three other members of the Pemón community were injured. Have the results of the investigation published and those responsible tried before a court of law.

Furthermore I ask you to ensure that all measures are taken to ensure the safety of the indigenous Pemón communities in the Canaima National Park and other areas covered by the “Plan Tepuy Protector”. I hope you agree with me that the indigenous communities should be included in this process. According to national and international laws their particular forms of autonomy and traditional representatives should be respected.

Yours faithfully,