

I am writing to express my deep concern that the 21 families of the Asháninka Meantari Indigenous community, in the Central Peruvian rainforest, remain displaced from their land due to fear that armed individuals will return and act on the death threats they previously made.

I urge you to instruct the Junín Special Prosecutor for Environmental Matters to identify and fully investigate those responsible for entering the Asháninka territory, the damage caused and the threats carried out.

I further urge the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defence to provide immediate assistance in order to safeguard the lives of the members of the Meantari community, to ensure the integrity of their territory, and to put an end to any illegal activity which puts the community at risk.

I also urge the Armed Forces to guarantee that the 21 Asháninka families, which include children and women, can safely return to their land.

I finally remind the Peruvian government of their obligation to seek a lasting solution which guarantees the rights of the Asháninka Meantari Indigenous community to land, territory and the environment.

Sincerely yours,