

I am writing this letter to express my concern for the survival of the Sawhoyamaxa indigenous community at risk as negotiations over their ancestral land have stopped. The community has been forced to live in deplorable conditions alongside a main highway for many years because their land is in hands of private owners.

I call on you to take immediate, concrete steps to restart negotiations with the current owners of Sawhoyaxa's ancestral land to ensure the restitution of the traditional lands to the indigenous community.

I also call on you to ensure the full participation of the Sawhoyamaxa indigenous community and their legal representatives in all plans around the compliance of the Inter American Human Rights judgment and to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before implementation.

I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,