

I am writing to express my deep concern that Dr Mirtha Vasquez Chuquilin and other members of GRUFIDES have suffered acts of intimidation and that the incidents appear to be linked to their human rights work.

I urge you to ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice and that human rights defenders working with GRUFIDES receive adequate protection in accordance with their wishes.

I point you that human rights defenders have a right to carry out their activities without any unfair restrictions or fear of reprisals, as set out in the UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders.

Sincerely yours,