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Dear Governor;

I write to you in relation to the killing of Samir Flores Soberanes, a member of the Front of Peoples in Defence of the Earth and Agua, a grassroots collective dedicated to protecting the environment and the territory in the states of Morelos, Puebla and Tlaxcala. On 20 February, Samir was shot death outside his house by an unknown armed group that shoot him four times, two in the head.

Samir Flores Soberanes was very vocal against a thermal-electric plan project called "Proyecto Integral Morelos" and, as a result, received written death threats. In October 2018, he was beaten by an unknown group. The day before his killing, Samir attended an informative session on the "Proyecto Integral Morelos" and expressed concerns about the human rights and social impacts of the project.

I urge you to conduct a prompt, thorough and impartial investigation of Samir Flores Soberanes' killing, taking into account the possibility of the attack being in retaliation for his activities as an environmental, land and territory defender.

Yours sincerely,