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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing in relation to the risk of forced eviction faced by the Tekoha Sauce Indigenous community, as consequence of a lawsuit filed by the state-owned hydroelectric company "Itaipú Binacional" against the community's leaders Cristóbal Martínez and Amada Martínez.

The Tekoha Sauce community have the right to reside upon and make use of their ancestral territory and are protected from being removed or transferred from it without their free, prior and informed consent, as established in the Article 64 of the Paraguayan Constitution and Article 16 of the International Labour Organization Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention No. 169. Their eviction without obtaining their consent would constitute a violation of Paraguayan and international law.

I urge you, as President of Paraguay, to ensure that the people from the Tekoha Sauce Indigenous community are protected from forced eviction and that their rights are respected.

Yours sincerely,