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Dear President Lenín Moreno,

I write to you regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Amazon. Indigenous and human rights organizations say that the [Protocol for the prevention and care of COVID-19 in Indigenous Peoples](#), published in August, was not adequately consulted with them and does not reflect their demands. They also say they have been excluded from the Emergency Operations Committees in charge of implementing it.

I ask you to ensure that the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon participate, through their own representative institutions, in the national and provincial decision-making structure in charge of the COVID-19 response in the Amazon and guarantee that this response respects their rights and needs and is sufficiently funded. Any policy or action affecting Indigenous Peoples should comply with human rights standards, including the right to Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

Yours sincerely,