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Attorney General

Consuelo Porras

15 Avenida A 15-16

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**Bernardo Caal Xol**

Dear Attorney General,

*Bernardo Caal Xol*, 48, is a defender of the indigenous Mayan Q’eqchi’ people. He has been unfairly im­prisoned for over 2 years for defending the rights of Mayan Q’eqchi communities affected by the construc­tion of a hydroelectric project on the sacred Cahabón River in the department of Alta Verapaz, in northern Guatemala.

Please carry out an internal review of *Bernardo Caal*’s case file immediately. Due to the fact that there is no evidence against him, take steps to ensure *Bernardo Caal* is released and all charges against him are dropped so that he is immediately released from prison. Carry out a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the case made against *Bernardo Caal* and ensure those responsible for furthering the baseless accusa­tions against him are held to account.

Sincerely,