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Oslo, 06.02.89.

We, the undersigned Norwegian anthropologists want to express our deep concern over the growing violence which indigenous peoples in the Amazon basin are subjected to. Scores of well documented cases of ill-treatment and killings with impunity also show that the Brazilian authorities have persistently failed to take effective action of investigation or to bring those responsible for organizing the killings to justice. As anthropologists we feel a special responsibility to keep informed about the human rights situation among the indigenous peoples, people who frequently are unable to defend their lives and their rights effectively. With reference to the incessant violence against Indian tribes in the Amazonas we sincerely ask you to let us know what kind of extra measures are planned and will be taken in order to amend this situation. Peoples all over the world are shocked by the increase in violence during recent years against Indians in your country. The reports of the killings of fourteen Ticuna Indians at the Fos do Igarape do Capecete in March 1988 is but one case which has received world wide concern. We are especially concerned about the current situation among the Yanomami Indians following the invasion by garimpeiros, we would like to be informed of what extra measures either the state or federal authorities are taking to ensure the physical integrity and the indigenous rights of Yanomami Indians. We also ask for any information available on the progress of federal police investigations into 4 reported cases:

1. the killing of 4 Yanomami near Macajai river in August 1987
2. the wounding of member of the Hakomatheri group of Yanomami Indians near the Venezuelan border and killing of his two years old daughter in April 1988
3. the wounding of Julio Goes in May 1988
4. the unconfirmed reports of the killing of at least eight Yanomami at Rio Couto Megalhaes in April 1988.

Sincerely

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