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I am writing to express grave concern about the situation suffered by the 14 year old climate activist, Leonela Moncayo, and her family outside their house. On 26 February Leonela and her mother heard a noise in the yard of their house. They observed abundant white smoke that smelled like pyrotechnics. After the smoke cleared, they saw an improvised explosive device made of quadua cane, paper and a tube made of carion. I'm concerned that this might be a threat and an act of intimidation against Leonela and her family's climate justice activism.

Leonela is one of nine brave child climate activists from the Provinces of Sucumbíos and Orellana that achieved a historical ruling that obliges the Ecuadorian state to eliminate all gas flares that significantly contribute to the climate crisis and harm the health of fence line communities. On 21 February, four of the nine plaintiff girls, including Leonela, went to a session in the Biodiversity Commission of the National Assembly of Ecuador to demand the compliance with the ruling by the relevant authorities, where they were stigmatized by the Minister of Energy and Mines, Andrea Arrobo, who insinuated the child "were manipulated" and said the "government has already complied the ruling" because it "has eliminated 2 gas flares". The girls refuted minister's claims and bravely defended their right as children to participate and the rights of their communities.

I urge you to investigate effectively, independently, and impartially the attack against Leonela Moncayo and her family. All people suspected of criminal liability, whether as material or intellectual authors, must be brought to justice in fair trials. Further, I urge Ecuadorian authorities to refrain from stigmatizing the nine plaintiff girls, guaranteeing their security so that they can carry out their work in defence of human rights and the climate in a safe environment. These girls are brave human rights defenders in the fight against climate change.

Yours sincerely,

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