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Dear President

The Guerreras por la Amazonía are fighting alongside the Union of People Affected by Texaco's Oil Operations and the collective "Eliminen los Mecheros, Enciendan la Vida" (Remove the Flares, Ignite Life) to eliminate gas flares which are causing toxic fumes and environmental devastation in their communities. In 2021, a landmark ruling required the government to eliminate the use of gas flares, yet they continue to burn.

I am deeply concerned that the young defenders are facing stigma and violent intimidation. Rather than investigating the threats against them, the authorities told the group that they will only provide them with protection if they stop their activism.

I demand that you uphold the ruling to eliminate gas flares and ensure the safety of climate defenders.

Yours sincerely