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Dear Attorney General,

I am writing to you from England. I am deeply concern for the safety of human rights defenders and defenders of territory, land and the environment in Colombia. In particular Jani Silva, president of the Association for the Integral Sustainable Development of the Amazonian Pearl (ADISPA) in the municipality of Puerto Asís, Putumayo.

Amnesty International has documented repeated threats, stigmatization and harassment against Jani Silva and ADISPA since at least 2017. Unsurprisingly, this has affected their work defending the rights of their community and their commitment to the conservation and monitoring of biodiversity and water in their territory.

The Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace reported that on 10 September Jani Silva received a phone call threatening her life. The caller explicitly stating that she would be attacked in one of the vehicles provided to ADISPA by the government's protection programme. On the same day unknown men were seen around Jani Silva's house and ADISPA's office in the town centre of Puerto Asís.

I am deeply concerned that armed groups in this part of the country are directly threatening civil society organizations. They are also stigmatizing them as collaborating with other criminal groups in the region.

**I call on you to urgently investigate the threats and attacks against Jani Silva and members of ADISPA; to identify those responsible for ordering and carrying out these attacks, and to bring them to justice.**

Yours sincerely,