

<p>Fax: 011 52 747 472 2328 <b>Lic. David Augusto Sotelo Rosas</b> Attorney General of Guerrero State, Mexico</p>	<p>Fax: 011 52 55 5093 3414 <b>Lic. José Francisco Blake Mora</b> Minister of the Interior of Mexico</p>
<p>Fax: 011 52 747 471 9956 <b>Lic. Zeferino Torreblanca Galindo</b> Governor of Guerrero State, Mexico</p>	

September 14, 2010

Dear Sirs:

We welcome the pardon and release on August 27 of Mexican indigenous rights activist and prisoner of conscience, **Raúl Hernández**, after more than two years in prison for a murder he did not commit. (Our organization has been advocating for his release for almost two years.) However, because of new threats and injuries, just days after his release, we are extremely concerned for his safety and that of members of Me'phaa Indigenous People's Organization (OPIM), the Mixteco Indigenous People (OFPM), and their families.

On August 28, a **daughter of Inés Fernández** was accosted and threatened by two men in the center of Ayutla municipality, Guerrero. Inés Fernández is a member of the OPIM who was raped by soldiers in 2002, and has taken her campaign for justice to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The threat also made reference to Raúl Hernández. On August 30, a group of men shot and seriously wounded **Álvaro Ramírez Concepción**, coordinator of the OFPM, as he worked on a plot of land near Juquila, in Ayutla. **Audencio Ramírez Concepción, Ambrosio García Catarino** and **Ramón García Guadalupe** were also injured.

Because of the numerous threats and attacks to members of OPIM and OFPM, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ordered the Mexican government in April 2009 to provide protective measures for 109 human rights defenders in Guerrero (*medidas provisionales*), particularly those working with the OPIM and OFPM, after the killing of two OPIM leaders.

In light of the information above, we strongly urge you to:

- comply with the April 2009 protection order of the Inter American Court of Human Rights;
- guarantee the safety of Álvaro Ramírez Concepción and the three other men injured in the attack;
- conduct a full, prompt and impartial investigation into the threats and attack to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice and that OPIM and OFPM activists can carry out their legitimate activities without fear of reprisal.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Stefan Szittai  
Coordinator

cc: Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan Casamitjana, Mexican Ambassador to the US ~ via fax: 1 202 833 4320  
Ambassador Carlos Pascual, US Ambassador to Mexico ~ via fax: 011-52-55-5080-2834 or 5080-2005  
Mary Stickles, Desk Officer for Mexico, US State Department ~ via fax: 202.647.5752  
Dinah Shelton, US member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ~ via fax: (202) 458-3650  
José de Jesús Orozco Henríquez, Mexico member of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights ~ via fax: (202) 458-3650  
US Senators Brown & Voinovich ~ via email  
US Representatives Boccieri, Fudge, Kaptur, Kucinich, LaTourette, Latta, Ryan, Space, Sutton, Wilson ~ via email

UA 314/2008update\_MEXICO

**The following people hereby urge that you take action on this matter as indicated in this letter:**