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**Re: Extra-Judicial killings of Indigenous Activists**

November 2, 2006

Your Excellency:

The International Alliance of the Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests, through its International Coordinating Committee (ICC), wish to express our grave concern and condemnation of the extra-judicial killings being perpetuated against indigenous activists in the Philippines. It has come to our attention that our member organization in the Philippines, the Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) has become a target of this grave abuse of human rights. In particular, leaders and members of the CPA have been subjected to surveillance and other forms harassment. Markus Bangit, head of the elders' commission of the CPA was assassinated last June. Last August, Dr. Constancio Claver, a long-time leader of the CPA, and his family were the targets of an ambush which resulted in the death of his wife, Alice. Despite calls for justice coming from various groups, the perpetrators of these violations of human rights have not yet been apprehended.

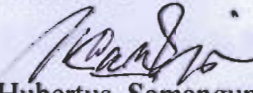
We have been further informed that it is not just the CPA that has been targetted but other peoples' organizations that have expressed their opposition to your current government and its policies. This is very alarming as it indicates a shift from democracy to authoritarian rule. Madam President, we urge you to order the immediate cessation of these extra judicial killings and harrassment activities against those who express dissent to your rule. We believe that your government has the primary responsibility to uphold the human rights of all your citizens and it is therefore incumbent on you to put an immeidtae stop on these killings and bring the perpetrators to justice.

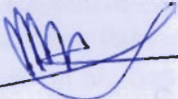
We look forward to your immediate and positive response to this call for peace and justice,

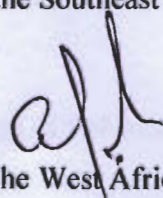
Thank you for your attention.


Respectfully,

ICC Members

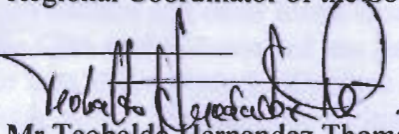
  
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