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Urgent Action 06

Armed Violence in Times of COVID-19

- **Communities of the Maya Tsotsil People are in forced displacement and are under threat.**
- **Paramilitary groups from Santa Martha, Chenalhó have committed 47 armed aggressions since March 24th.**

Armed aggressions against the communities from Aldama, done by civilians from Chenalhó operating as paramilitary groups, have not decreased despite the quarantine implemented to confront the COVID-19 pandemic. The lives of families from the Maya Tsotsil people, currently in forced displacement, are under double risk now as they lack the conditions to seek proper medical attention.

Since March 24th, the Human Rights Centre Fray Bartolomé de Las Casas (Frayba) has documented at least 47 armed aggressions. The Permanent Commission of Community-land Owners and Displaced People from Aldama reports daily armed attacks targeting their communities bordering Chenalhó. In order to remain safe, the community must constantly leave their homes to hide in the hills, in their fields or in their coffee plantations.

Owing to the aforementioned, Frayba urges the Mexican Government to:

- Fulfill the judicial order made by the Tercer Juzgado de Distrito that issued the legal power 340/2020 to protect the life, integrity and security of the communities of the Maya Tsotsil People from Aldama, currently living in forced displacement.
- Integrate the United Nations' essential guidelines for protecting human rights amid the COVID-19 crisis, intended to protect vulnerable communities such as the communities of the Maya Tsotsil People, now in forced displacement in Aldama.

We invite the national and international civil society to sign the urgent action petition that you will find on the Frayba website, www.frayba.org.mx, and/or send your concerns to:

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