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Dear Sirs:

Eduardo Maya Manrique was an active member of CECOP (Consejo de Ejidatarios y Comuneros Opositores a La Parota, or Council of Ejido and Communal Landowners Opposed to La Parota), a group opposed to the construction of the La Parota dam in Guerrero State. On January 29, three men dragged Eduardo Maya from his house in Dos Arroyos and beat him to death. They also beat a witness. Others reported the murder to the Ministerial Police; they arrested one of the men involved but released him without charge.

There have been several violent incidents connected to construction of the La Parota dam. We have previously written to Mexican authorities about this violence (August 14 2004, December 23 2004). Two other opponents, Tomas Cruz Zamora and Cristino Cruz Hernandez, were killed in 2005.

We are well aware that the public assemblies held by the Federal Electricity Commission to secure votes in favor of the dam deliberately excluded people opposed to the dam and misled others. As a result, a court ruled on January 19 that the assembly's vote in favor of the dam was null and void in Cacahuatpecin, one of the 17 communities to be affected by the dam construction.

Based on what has happened so far, we are very concerned that the controversy surrounding the dam will spark further violence and put more lives at risk.

In light of these facts, we strongly urge you to

- Conduct a full and impartial investigation into the killing of Eduardo Maya Manrique, make the results public and bring those responsible to justice
- Take measures to ensure the safety of the communities affected by the construction of the dam, and take steps to prevent the violence from increasing
- Carry out a genuine consultation that includes all who are affected by the construction of the dam.

The rights of all the people of Mexico must be protected. You have the authority and the responsibility to put an end to violent acts such as those detailed above. We urge you to do so.

Sincerely,

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