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Dear Sirs:

We are calling on you to immediately and unconditionally release prisoner of conscience and indigenous human rights leader, **Raúl Hernández**, who has been unjustly detained since April 17, 2008 for the January 2008 murder of Alejandro Feliciano Garcia. On June 30, the judge presiding over the murder case against him closed the evidence submission stage of his trial. During the criminal enquiry, the judge carried out an investigation of the crime scene and confirmed as unreliable, the sole evidence in this case, that of an eyewitness claiming that Raúl Hernández was present at the time of the murder.

The Attorney General now has the opportunity to recommend that the judicial case against Raúl Hernández is dropped because his office will be asked over the next few weeks for its conclusions on the case.

We have written several letters to Mexican officials (Dec. 2, 2008, March 3, 2009) concerning the lack of reliable eyewitness testimony that Raul Hernández was present at the murder. In a letter of June 24, 2010, we addressed our latest concern for his safety because of recent threats to him from other inmates in Ayutla prison.

Amnesty International adopted Raul Hernández, of the Me'phaa Indigenous People's Organization (OPIM), as a prisoner of conscience in November 2008 and believes that the charges against him are politically motivated. In light of the judge's recent ruling, we **strongly urge** you to:

- recommend that the judicial case for murder against Raúl Hernández be dropped;
- call for a thorough and impartial investigation into the misuse of the judicial system to wrongfully imprison Raúl Hernández.

Sincerely,

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