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Dear Attorney General,

**I am writing to express my deep concern for the safety of human rights defenders and defenders of territory, land and the environment in Colombia, in particular Jani Silva, president of the Association for the Integral Sustainable Development of the Amazonian Pearl (ADISPA), a community organization managing the Peasant Reserve Zone of La Perla Amazónica in the municipality of Puerto Asís (in Putumayo, Colombia).**

Amnesty International has documented repeated threats, stigmatization and harassment against Jani Silva and ADISPA since at least 2017, and the way in which this has affected their work to defend the rights of their community and their commitment to the conservation and monitoring of biodiversity and water in their territory. The Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace reported that on 10 September Jani Silva received a phone call threatening her life, with the caller explicitly stating that she would be attacked in one of the vehicles provided to ADISPA by the government's protection programme through the National Protection Unit (UNP). In addition, in the afternoon of the same day, unknown men were seen around Jani Silva's house and ADISPA's office in the town centre of Puerto Asís.

**We are deeply concerned that armed groups present in this part of the country are directly threatening civil society organizations and stigmatizing them as collaborating with other criminal groups in the region. I call on you to act with the utmost diligence in the effective fulfilment of the duty of the Attorney General's Office to investigate the threats and attacks against Jani Silva and members of ADISPA, to identify those responsible for ordering and carrying out these attacks, and to bring them to justice, with due process guarantees, in order to prevent further attacks against human rights defenders in the Bajo Putumayo region.**

Yours sincerely,

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