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Subject: Reiteration of our request for logistical support and installation of an emergency post in the community of Palimiú to maintain security in the region.

At 9:40 pm on May 16, we received a call from the community of Palimiú communicating a new attack by illegal miners on the community. According to the Yanomami, 15 boats of miners approached the community. The Yanomami said that in addition to shots, there was a lot of smoke that made their eyes burn, indicating that tear gas was being fired at them. The Yanomami were distressed, and shouting in concern over the phone. In the background, the sound of the shots could be heard. The situation was serious.

We reiterate our request that the authorities act urgently within their legal duty to prevent the continuing spiral of violence and ensure safety for the Yanomami community of Palimiú, before more serious conflicts occur. In particular, we urgently request that:

(i) Authorities proceed with the installation of an emergency outpost in the community of Palimiú, with the aim of maintaining security on the site and on the Uraricoera River,

(ii) The Brazilian Army, through the 1st Jungle Infantry Brigade, provides immediate logistical support for the actions of relevant public agencies to ensure the maintenance of security in the region.

Yours sincerely,

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