

Honduras Embassy to Seoul

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Dear Ambassador Michel Idiaquez Baradat,

We, environment and human rights' organizations in Korea are writing to condemn the murder of Berta Caceres Flores, an internationally renowned human rights and environmental defender from the Lenca indigenous people. Her commitment in defense of land, water and Indigenous peoples' rights was recognized by international organizations, such as the Goldman Foundation, which awarded her its 2015 environmental prize.

The struggle sustained by Council of Indigenous Peoples of Honduras (COPINH) and the Lenca in defense of their territory remains an example for all the people of the world, who are adding their voices in solidarity. We are horrified to witness the continuous threats, today as in the past, faced by people defending nature and their livelihoods.

In response to the horrifying news of Berta Caceres's assassination, the environment and human rights' groups in Korea demand the Honduras authority as follows;

- To put an end to impunity and proper investigation on the murder of Bertha Cáceres, as well as of all other social and environmental justice activists.
- To suspend all projects that have been denounced by Human Rights defenders, among which the Hydropower plant Agua Zarca on Rio Blanco and the Blue Energy project on Rio Cangel.
- To protect and guarantee the lives and rights of the Lenca, and the member of COPINH

- To guarantee freedom and human rights of Gustavo Castro de Soto from FOE Mexico for his safe return to Mexico

Persecution and criminalization of those defending human rights and nature must come to an end. The whole world is weeping and mourning Berta's death, and will not rest until justice is done.

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