

Case: Máxima Acuña – PERU

Minister of Interior
Carlos Basombrío
Plaza 30 de Agosto s/n Urb. Corpac - San Isidro
Lima, Perú

Dear Minister Carlos Basombrío,

I urge you to protect Máxima Acuña and her family from violence and intimidation. I also ask that you promptly investigate the attacks that have already been carried out against her, bringing those responsible to justice.

Máxima, a peasant farmer in northern Peru, has braved violent harassment and intimidation from local police for refusing to leave the land where she lives with her family. She is in a legal battle with Yanacocha, one of the world's biggest gold and copper mines, over the ownership of the land. She believes the police's harassment is an attempt to drive her away from her home.

Please make sure the police do their job and protect her and her family.

Yours sincerely,