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**We help tribal peoples
defend their lives, protect
their lands and determine
their own futures.**

HE Roberto Jaguaribe
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Your Excellency,

You may be aware that Survival launched an international campaign in support of the Awa tribe in Maranhão in April this year:

<http://www.survivalinternational.org/pt/awa>

Following the launch we were informed by the Ministry of Justice that urgent measures would be put in place to remove all the illegal invaders in the Território Indígena Awá. Seven months later, there has still been no operation to remove the invaders, and destruction of the Awá's forest continues at an alarming rate: over one third of the forest has been destroyed.

We are extremely concerned for the future of the tribe, especially the uncontacted Awá. If the invasion and destruction are not halted now, we believe that the Awá have little chance of surviving.

On this UN Human Rights day, we call on the Brazilian government to uphold the constitution and ILO Convention 169 to which it is a signatory, remove all invaders from the Território Indígena Awá as a matter of urgency, and put in place a permanent land protection plan which will enable them to live in peace and security on their land.

Yours sincerely

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