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Sr. Ministro,

I am writing to express my concern at the situation in Honduras following the elections. It is reported that military police have killed at least 20 people who were protesting the outcome of the recent Presidential election. Hundreds of Hondurans have also been detained and others injured after the violent repression of demonstrations. Relatives of some of the victims say they fear reprisals if they speak out.

I urge you to release all those people who were arrested merely for exercising their right to freedom of speech and to appoint a civilian led investigation into the deaths of the protesters.

Cordialmente,