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Your Excellency,

I am writing to you regarding the situation in Burma.

On May 22nd the Security Council issued its third statement calling on the regime to enter into genuine dialogue with Aung San Suu Kyi and ethnic groups. Instead the dictatorship is directly defying the United Nations Security Council by continuing to detain Aung San Suu Kyi, along with more than 2,100 political prisoners.

In Eastern Burma the military dictatorship is engaged in a military offensive against ethnic civilians. The United Nations has accused the dictatorship in Burma of breaking the Geneva Conventions by deliberately targeting civilians.

More than 3,300 villages have been destroyed. Last year alone 66,000 people were forced to flee their homes, and are now internally displaced or living in refugee camps in Thailand.

In September 2007 we also saw the brutal crackdown on Monks peacefully marching in Rangoon.

Despite the appalling human rights situation in the country, there is not even an arms embargo against Burma. The international community should not be arming a regime committing such horrific abuses.

The United States and European Union have now publicly called for a global arms embargo against Burma.

Mexico has a long track record of supporting the people of Burma. Your support for successive resolutions on Burma at the United Nations General Assembly is greatly appreciated.

As a member of the United Nations Security Council, your support for a global arms embargo is essential. I appreciate that there is no current likelihood of this being discussed at the Security Council, but I would like to ask where the government of Mexico stands on this issue.

Does the government of Mexico support a global arms embargo against Burma?

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider this issue. I look forward to your response.