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Dear Minister Monroy,

I am gravely concerned about **46 facilities and cleaning staff** fired on 5 June 2020 at the **Industrial Park Temporary Hospital** attending to COVID-19 cases in Guatemala City.

The only reason for dismissal given by the Ministry of Health is that administrative requirements meant they needed to present a high school or university degree to keep their job. Many of these workers only have a basic education and do not have these papers. They have not been paid since they began work from 24 March (just as several of the medical staff of the hospital). They have been given no unemployment compensation.

I call on you to protect all staff at the Industrial Park Hospital, in particular the 46 facilities staff fired on 5 June by urgently paying them and carrying out an independent investigation into the circumstances of their terminations which allows for effective remedies.

Yours sincerely,