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Dear Minister of Government,

I write to you in relation to the threats faced by human rights defenders Waldo and Franco Albarracin.

They reported receiving several death threats through their mobile phones and social media since 19 October 2020. In two videos Waldo is accused of participating in a coup against the Morales' government. In the first one, a leader of Comité de Defensa de la Democracia included him in a "blacklist of traitors of Bolivia" and, in the second one, a former authority of the Morales' government accused him of burning down his own home.

On 26 October 2020, Waldo Albarracin filed a criminal complaint about these threats before the Attorney General's Office in La Paz. Earlier in the year he requested precautionary measures from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

I call on you to immediately provide comprehensive and effective protection measures to Waldo and Franco Albarracin and their family, in consultation with them.

Yours sincerely,