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Your Excellency;

Please forgive me for bringing the fate of the 40-year-old Protestant pastor and mother, Ms. Marisela de Fátima Mejía Ruiz, to your attention.

On December 17, 2023, she was arrested in a raid by the National Police along with ten other executives of the “Puerta de la Montaña” organization. A few days later, the legally registered body was dissolved, and it was permanently banned in March of this year.

The international community learned that Ms. Marisela de Fátima Mejía Ruiz was sentenced to 15 years in prison and a payment of 80 million U.S. Dollars.

In public statements, the affected group points out that it has always strictly adhered to government guidelines and describes its dealings with government bodies as constantly characterized by dignity and respect.

My concern relates not only to the high sentence and the unfounded allegations, but also to the current state of health of the detainees, as Ms. Ruiz had given birth to a child only a short time before her arrest.

I therefore humbly beseech you, dear Mr. President, that you do everything in your power to advocate the unconditional release of this pastor and also to ensure that she receives immediate adequate medical care.

Most respectfully,