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Dear Attorney General

I am writing to you from England. I was very distressed to hear about what happened to **Víctor Joel Rodrigo Paredes**. On June 30, 2023, Joel attended a peaceful protest in Humahuaca. This was against local constitutional changes, including restrictions on the right to peaceful assembly. But their main concern was measures that may cause damage to the environment, and risk violating Indigenous Peoples’ land rights.

Police recklessly fired rubber bullets at protesters. Joel was hit, permanently blinding him in the right eye, and leaving him with debilitating nerve pain. No one has been held accountable.

**Those responsible for Joel Paredes’s injuries and all other violations against protesters must be identified and brought to justice in accordance with international law and standards**.

Yours sincerely,