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UNOG-OHCHR  
CH 1211 Geneva 10  
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**Re: Observations on the 3rd Periodic Report by Nicaragua on its Compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, presented by the Awas Tingni Indigenous Community, Nicaragua**

Dear Mr. Gillibert:

The attached communication is presented by the University of Arizona Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program on behalf of the Awas Tingni Indigenous Community in Nicaragua, in anticipation of the 92nd Session of the Human Rights Committee. In particular, we respectfully submit these observations to assist the task force in adopting a list of issues in relation to the 3rd Period Report by Nicaragua on its compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The communication details Nicaragua's failure to comply with article 27 of the Covenant in light of the State Party's continued delays in the demarcation and titling of Awas Tingni's ancestral lands and the consequent human rights violations this delay represents.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

  
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