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Esteemed Special Rapporteur James Anaya and UNPFII expert member Saul Vicente Vasquez,

Respectful Greetings. Please receive this urgent communication submitted on behalf of the traditional authorities of the Otomi Indigenous community San Francisco Magu, and the community organization Di Sugave a Nana Shimjai, State of Mexico, Mexico. They are currently facing a large-scale development project, "Bosques del Paraiso", which is being imposed in their traditional territories in violation of their right to Free Prior and Informed Consent. As their enclosed submission presents, it will have a number of detrimental impacts on their community which will affect their traditional lands, water sources, means of subsistence and overall way of life.

They have requested the assistance the International Indian Treaty Council to submit this urgent action communication to you on their behalf, respectfully requesting that you utilize your good offices to request that the Mexican government carries out its commitment under Article 32 of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to obtain their free prior and informed consent before development projects affecting their lands, territories or other resources are approved or carried out. Their submission includes a number other relevant International Instruments, as well as national laws, to which Mexico is also obligated.

We thank you in advance for your intervention and any actions you are able to undertake in this matter of utmost urgency for the rights and survival of the Indigenous Peoples of this community and region.

Respectfully submitted,

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