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*Argentine Embassy*

*Your Excellency, the Ambassador*

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By hand

We are writing on behalf of ORGANISATION NAME to express our deepest repudiation to the facts and the enforced disappearance of Santiago Maldonado, when the National Border Patrol conducted repressive operations in the territory of the Pu Lof Mapuche community in Resistance of Cushamen Department, Esquel. More than 100 heavily armed agents fired against the members of the community and destroyed and burnt their belongings. Santiago Maldonado was there in solidarity with the fair claim of the community calling for the release of their *Lonko* Facundo Jones (“*Lonko*” in Mapuche means Chief of family groups). According to eyewitnesses, members of the National Border Patrol violently put him in one of their vehicles. Thereafter, he has not been heard from again.

The court case is titled “Enforced disappearance of people” as per the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (UN General Assembly Resolution dated 29/06/2006).

The National Government urgently needs to investigate and find Santiago Maldonado alive and prosecute those materially and intellectually responsible for his enforced disappearance.

We are looking forward to a fair resolution.

Yours sincerely,

SIGNATURE