

**Attorney General of the Public Prosecutor's Office**

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to demand justice for **Joel Paredes**. On June 30, 2023, Joel attended a peaceful protest against local constitutional changes, including restrictions on the right to peaceful assembly – changes 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,

**CC: Argentinian Embassy in the United States**

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