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To President Ortega

Via Her Excellency Guisell Morales-Echaverry, Nicaraguan Ambassador to the UK  
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Dear President Ortega,

Greetings from Amos Trust, partner of CEPAD and longtime friend to Nicaragua.

We are writing to you to share concern at the current violence and oppression underway in Nicaragua.

As a justice and human rights organisation, we have organised many visits to Nicaragua over the past 30 years where we have directly supported community groups and networks and continue a long-term partnership with CEPAD. Our focus has always been on supporting the people of Nicaragua and learning from them about peace, reconciliation and community empowerment.

Like many others around the world we are shocked and deeply troubled by what is happening in Nicaragua at this time and the reports we have heard from our friends and partners across the country. We are deeply concerned about any future visits to Nicaragua at this time.

Despite calls for peace and dialogue from the communities and faith networks in your country, the violence has again increased with now more than 100 people killed, thousands wounded and an unknown number detained and disappeared.

We hear the cries of our sisters and brothers in Nicaragua and we call on you to stop the violence, stop the killings, and stop the detentions and abductions of the Nicaraguan people. We support the call of our local partners in Nicaragua pleading with you to lead the way forward through urgent dialogue and peaceful and just actions.

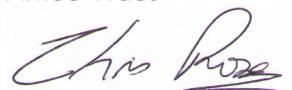
We stand with Nicaragua as long-term and committed friends but cannot stand by as the killings and violence escalate. Like our partners CEPAD we are motivated by Micah 6:8 - the reminder to "Do justice, show mercy and walk humbly with God".

Yours sincerely,



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