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People living in oil producing areas of the Niger Delta have seen their human rights undermined by oil companies that the Nigerian government has failed to hold to account.

The oil extraction industry is responsible for widespread pollution of the Niger Delta environment. Oil spills, waste dumping and gas flaring are endemic. Pollution has damaged crucial sources of livelihood, including farming and fisheries, pushing many people deeper into poverty.

There is an urgent need for a comprehensive clean-up of polluted areas of the Niger Delta, and for effective remedies for affected individuals and communities.

The Nigerian government must strengthen regulation of the oil extraction industry to ensure that companies are held accountable for the impacts of oil pollution on human rights and the environment, and to prevent further abuses.

Image: The effects on the water of an oil spill, which occurred in September 2007, near the community of Goi, Ogoniland, Nigeria.

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Your Excellency,

I am very concerned about the adverse impact that pollution and environmental damage, associated with the oil extraction industry, are having on the human rights of people in the Niger Delta. Oil pollution has damaged traditional livelihoods such as fishing and agriculture, put people's health at risk and undermined access to safe food and clean water. Hundreds of thousands of people are affected, particularly the poorest.

I call on you to:

- Enforce existing laws and reform legislation to ensure robust, independent regulation of the oil extraction industry in Nigeria.
- Make a public commitment to a comprehensive clean-up of all oil pollution, to be carried out in full consultation with affected communities, and with full respect for human rights.
- Ensure that the clean-up is conducted transparently, and that information on the human rights impacts of oil pollution is collected and fully disclosed to affected communities.

Yours sincerely,

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Image: Women stand next to an oil wellhead that has been regularly spilling crude oil since 2004 near the community of Ikot Ada Udo in the Niger Delta.

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