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To: The Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Our names are Breighanna Gonzalez and Amy Vonder Haar and we have an important area that needs preservation. This area is the P`aramo in Ecuador.

The P`aramo is important to the people of this region, because it filters out all the harmful substances that could possibly be in their drinking water and it preserves their precious topsoil.

The P`aramo also absorbs water, taking stress off of the terraces, therefor preserving them so people will be able to feed themselves, their families, their friends, and their animals. It also supplies water for plants enabling them to grow healthfully and plentifully.

It needs protecting because it's currently being used to graze sheep and cattle, which is damaging the fragile soil. Also farming is destroying the vesicles (air pockets) by tilling and burning the grasses growing there, Not allowing the P`aramo to absorb water.

The P`aramo should instead be left intact for the alpacas to graze on.

Please address our concerns and thank you for your time.

Yours Faithfully,

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