



Brussels, 5 February 2016

To:

Members of the negotiating team of the government of the Republic of Colombia;
 Members of the negotiating team of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia

The undersigned organisations would like to recognize the efforts that you have made in the last several years in order to achieve the progress and agreements reached to date. We know that these are complex discussions and the agreements already reached demonstrate the determination that you all possess to sign a final accord as soon as possible, in order to permit all Colombian citizens to have hope for to the constructions of a country in peace.

Sharing in this hope, we respectfully wish to convey to you two recommendations.

Taking into account the experiences of other peace process throughout the world, we have reached the conclusion that the years following the signing of an accord can be extremely difficult with regard to the levels of violence and human rights violations that may occur. Therefore, the undersigned organisations would like to propose that you include in your agreements the continued presence of the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, extending its mandate to carry out technical assistance work as well as to monitor the human rights situation and publish an annual report presented to the March sessions of the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva. These annual reports have provided a detailed account of the human rights situation in Colombia and have proved very useful for Colombia and international human rights organisations.

Likewise, we believe that the period subsequent to the signing of an accord could prove very complex for local communities and human rights organizations, which will surely require greater accompaniment from international civil society organizations. Therefore, we believe it important that the final accords recognize the need for the Colombian State to support and provide all the necessary guarantees so that these international organisations can carry out their work of prevention and protection of communities and organizations in Colombia.

We wish you the greatest success in reaching a final accord.

Respectfully,

Signing organisations:

- ABColombia
- ACAT France
- ask! (Arbeitsgruppe Schweiz-Kolumbien)
- Asociación de Solidaridad con Colombia Katío - (ASOC-Katío)
- Associació Catalana per la Pau
- Broederlijk Delen
- Caravana Internacional de Juristas
- CEAR Euskadi
- Christian-Aid
- Colombia Solidarity Campaign
- Cooperacció
- Coordinación Colombia-Europa-Estados Unidos (CCEEU)
- Coordinación Valenciana de Solidaridad con Colombia- CVSC (CEAR-PV, CEDSALA, Colectivo Sur-Cacarica, Entreiguales Valencia e Intersindical Valenciana)
- Coordinadora de ONGD del Principado de Asturias
- DKA Austria / kfb Austria
- Fokus
- Forum Syd
- Fundación Sueca para los Derechos Humanos
- Intermon Oxfam
- kolko - derechos humanos por Colombia
- Latin America Working Group
- Misereor
- Mundubat
- Oficina Internacional de Derechos Humanos Acción Colombia -OIDHACO; red de 36 organizaciones europeas e internacionales
- Pachakuti
- Peace Brigades International - PBI Colombia
- Taula Catalana por la Paz y los Derechos Humanos en Colombia.
- WOLA